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# Britain says no to deadline from Kremlin

## Lasting damage fear in expulsions row

- It is feared the mutual expulsions of Soviet and British diplomats may cause lasting damage to Anglo-Soviet ties
- Britain said it would not comply with the order, and it appears that there may be some form of counter-retaliation
- Moscow gave the British Embassy a week to say how it would implement a reduced ceiling on British numbers
- Sources said that the expulsions of 11 Russians were related to serious issues going to the heart of British security

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Britain rejected a Kremlin order yesterday to implement cuts within a week in staff working for British organizations in the Soviet Union.

Whitehall sources said the Government had refused to comply with the time limit to implement a ceiling of 205, and had called on the Soviet Union to reconsider.

The sources said Moscow should bear in mind that the total number of staff at its embassy and other organizations in Britain far exceeds the comparable total of Britons in Moscow.

They added that the Soviet Union should "draw the appropriate conclusions", but said this was not meant to be a hint that if Moscow failed to back down, Britain would cut Soviet staff numbers in this country.

The new developments indicated that there was a risk that the expulsions of Soviet and British diplomats and journalists could, after all, cause lasting damage to Anglo-Soviet relations. The quota is part of Moscow's retaliation against Britain's expulsion of 11 Soviet diplomats and journalists and the banning of three others.

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The Government is not thinking of rescinding the expulsions and sources continued to insist they were justified. "We are not talking about stealing microchips; we are talking about serious issues which go to the heart of our national security," one official said.

When pressed on possible additional developments, the sources said that if Moscow insisted on implementing the quota, "we shall have to decide what consequences there would be in this country". This seemed to imply that some form of British counter-retaliation was on the cards.

But an alternative course emerged last night when the Foreign Office summoned Mr Vladimir Ivanov, Minister Counsellor at the Soviet Embassy in London, to see Sir John Fretwell, a senior official. Whitehall sources said Britain would like Moscow to increase the quota to a higher figure, arguing that it had been based on Britain's quota on Soviet officials in London, which was not directly comparable. "They have got to compare like with like" the source said.

Whitehall, in ordering the expulsions, had assumed Moscow would want to avoid a risk that Britain might cut the quota it imposes on the total number of accredited Soviet officials in London. The current figure is 205, the same as that announced by the Russians, but until now Moscow has not imposed a quota, apparently because the number of their personnel in Britain greatly exceeds the number of Britons in Moscow.

Whitehall foresaw a possibility that Moscow might impose a quota in retaliation, but assumed that it would think twice because of the risk that this might lead Britain to retaliate in kind.

The sources described the Russian retaliation as "ill thought-out" and as "extremely regrettable" and said that the quota was a "frankly ludicrous proposal".

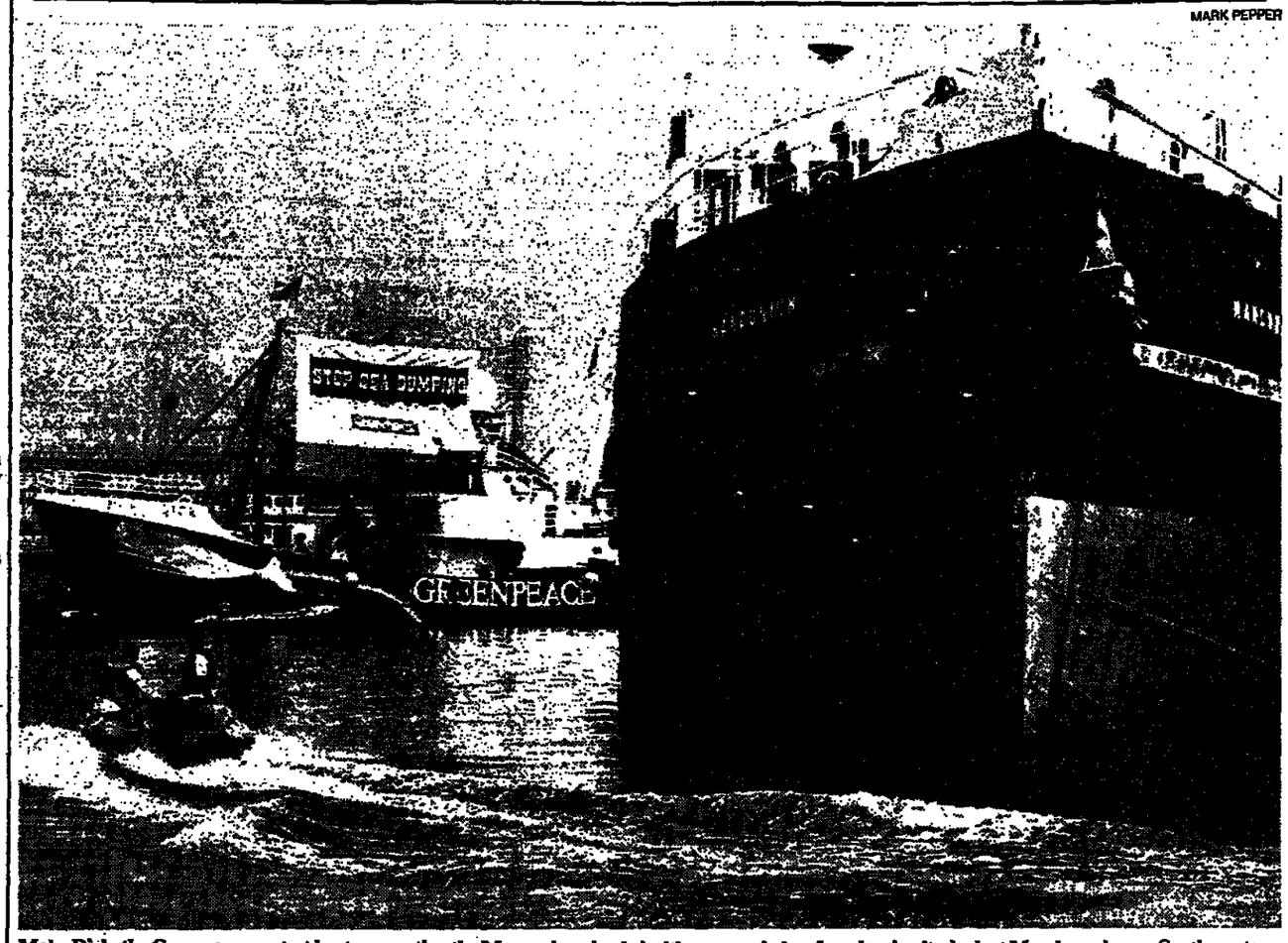
Referring to the reasons for the British action, one official dismissed suggestions that the Government had orchestrated the affair to reawaken concerns within the Nato alliance over Moscow's intentions towards the West, and that it had timed the move to cause a row shortly before next week's Nato summit in Brussels.

Britain has 41 diplomatic and 29 non-diplomatic officials in Moscow, plus eight teachers at the British American School. There are also about 60 British businessmen and journalists who fall within the Russian quota. The British Embassy has more than 110 locally engaged Soviet staff, while other British organizations have a similar number.

The 205 Soviet or allied officials at the Soviet Embassy and other organizations include people doing jobs for which the British in Moscow employ local staff, such as drivers, cleaners and catering personnel. But Whitehall sources said that there were a further 400 Britons in the UK employed by Soviet organizations.

## Greenpeace campaigners blockade tanker

MARK PEPPER




Moby Dick, the Greenpeace protest boat, preventing the Mancunium, loaded with sewage sludge, from leaving its dock at Marchwood, near Southampton.

# Key Chinese figure flies home as pressure grows for Li to quit

From Mary Dejevsky, Peking

A protest march several hundred thousand strong yesterday showed how far hatred of Mr Li Peng, China's Prime Minister, has replaced the other preoccupations of the pro-democracy Chinese students. As they marched, Tiananmen Square echoed to chants of "Down with Li Peng", "Li Peng resign", and "We will not sleep until Li Peng is hanged".

The march took place despite a formal ban, and the Prime Minister's inability to make martial law effective has only increased student contempt for him. The ban on live television transmissions by foreign stations was yesterday also suddenly reversed, and some troop units were reported to have been withdrawn from Peking's outer ring road into the hills.

Earlier in the day it was confirmed that Mr Wan Li, a senior Chinese political figure, who has expressed understanding for the cause of the students, was cutting short a visit to the United States to return home. He chairs the standing committee of the National People's Congress, China's equivalent of a parliament.

The turn in Mr Li Peng's fortunes came as the morale of student protesters on Tiananmen Square appeared for the first time seriously to falter. Peking-based students decided to leave the square overnight to allow students from the provinces to occupy the 90 buses which last week sheltered the hunger strikers.

According to one Peking University student, some of their leaders argued for ending the protest altogether because of the squalid conditions on the square and their failure so far to advance their cause. Others argued that it would be folly to abandon the protest, having come so close to victory, and they prevailed.

The day also saw a series of incidents which were blamed by the students on *agents provocateur* but threatened to mar their record for discipline.

Several young people in student headbands threw ink at the portrait of Mao Tse-Tung, revered as the founder of modern China, on the Tiananmen Gate, staining it.

Mr Wan Li: Cutting short his visit to US.

Students apprehended the culprits and covered the portrait, which the authorities last night replaced with a new one.

In the early hours of yesterday morning, there were several incidents on the outskirts of the city involving troops, armed police, students and local people. In one, an armed policeman was said to have been beaten to death; in another, a small girl was crushed by a lorry. The trouble was blamed on outsiders.

In Peking itself, life returned to almost normal. Nearly a third of the buses were back in service and most of the taxis. There was no evidence of the rumoured food or fuel shortages and markets functioned normally.

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## Legal fight over sea pollution

By Mark Souster

The Southern Water authority will today seek an injunction to force Greenpeace to move its protest ship, the Moby Dick, which yesterday began an indefinite blockade of a sludge tanker in Southampton harbour.

The Moby Dick and its 13-man multi-national crew is blockading the Mancunium at her moorings at the Slowhill Copse sewage works at Marchwood.

Greenpeace is protesting at the policy of dumping clinically contaminated sewage sludge at sea around the British coast which it maintains is detrimental to marine life and should be immediately banned.

Britain is the only country which adopts such a policy which the environmental pressure group describes as "disgraceful".

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### Uneasy rider

- Despatch riders have become essential to many businesses in recent years. But are they a menace on the streets? *The Times* investigates.

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### PORTFOLIO BOND

- There was one winner of yesterday's Portfolio Bond daily prize (see page 3. Today's game: page 31

## Poll shows Tory 'split' on Europe

A poll of 32 Conservative members of the European Parliament conducted by BBC Television has revealed some resistance to the line Mrs Thatcher has taken on the EC.

Of the 43 Tory MEPs who were asked to take part, 11 refused. Nineteen of those questioned were in favour of the European Monetary System and supported a single European currency, with five against and eight undecided.

But 25 said Britain should have full membership of the EMS now, with six against and one undecided.

M Jacques Delors, President of the EC commission has been doing a good job according to 17 MEPs with seven opposed to him and eight undecided.

A total of 26 MEPs rejected Mrs Thatcher's fears of an Identikit Europe, with three agreeing and three undecided.

Mr Bryan Gould, Labour's campaign organiser, last night claimed the poll showed a new split in Tory ranks.

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## Labour EC manifesto launched

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The Labour Party yesterday urged voters to turn the European Parliament elections into a referendum on 10 years of Thatcherism.

Mr Neil Kinnock predicted firmly that his party would gain seats at the expense of the Conservatives, who hold 45 seats at Strasbourg to Labour's 32 seats.

Labour's manifesto, launched yesterday, declared: "Mrs Thatcher makes enemies in Europe more easily than she makes friends.

"The Tories are virtually isolated in the European Par-

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## Rate fears fuelled by falling pound

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

Fears of a rise in base interest rates increased yesterday after speculators turned their attention to the pound.

Pressure mounted after the US Treasury indicated that American interest rates would not be cut to cool the soaring dollar, and the pound closed in London down 1.2 cents at $1.5680 and 2.34 pfennigs lower at DM3.1485. The Bank of England intervened to support sterling.

Foreign exchange pressures were intensified by forecasts that tomorrow's trade figures will show a widening current account deficit as imports build up in anticipation of a dock strike.

Nervousness was increased when the Prime Minister said in the Commons that the steps the Chancellor had taken would deal with the problem and put inflation on a downward course. This was seen as a signal that interest rates would not be increased, though the Treasury denied this.

With the lure of higher base rates — the only reason for speculators to hold sterling at present — wiped away by the Prime Minister, traders felt free to dump the currency.

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Mr John Shepperd, of Warburg Securities, said: "Today's movements in the external value of sterling have gone beyond a smooth adjustment and moved into being a crisis."

The Halifax Building Society said even if bank base rates were raised to 14 per cent it would not lift mortgage rates.

Share prices fell again in response to base rate fears and the FT-SE 100 index closed down 17.4 at 2,151.6.

## Law reforms attacked by 100 senior judges

By Richard Ford, Legal Affairs Reporter

The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane, and more than 100 senior judges yesterday warned the Government of a serious threat to the constitution from proposed legal reforms.

They told the Prime Minister and her senior colleagues they had gone too far in their plans for a shake-up of the legal profession. The plans of the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, could result in a "potentially very dangerous" transfer of power from judges to ministers, they said. The prospect of a confrontation on constitutional issues will increase the pressure on the Lord Chancellor to offer concessions.

Senior legal figures believe that unless he compromises on the key proposal to create an advisory committee with regulatory powers of the profession, he will find it difficult to get legislation through the Lords.

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*They were the stars of the show, lauded and applauded by everyone at the conference. They'd given the rest of us a lot to live up to – but now we were all in the same boat. Chugging out of St. Helier for a day's fishing during which with luck we, not they, would be the ones to hook an impressive catch.*

*Trust Sales to land the big one.*

*Everything was going to plan until suddenly I realised their chance had come. Great excitement, lots of advice and frantic reeling resulted in them landing the biggest fish I had ever seen.*

*But as we returned to port, bracing ourselves for the sardonic comments that were all too sure to follow, I started looking on the bright side. I hear that we're re-booking the Conference in Jersey next year, and there's more than one big fish in the sea . . .*

*Send for details to: Conference Director, Jersey Conference Bureau, Weighbridge, St. Helier, Jersey, C.I. Tel: 0534 78000.*

Jersey

A break, with convention

## Scientists predict a replay of the summer of '76

By Staff Reporters

As many parts of Britain basked in the hottest May day for decades yesterday, scientists said the country might be facing summer as hot and waterless as that of 1976.

In London, where temperatures reached 29C (84.2F), the warmest for May since 1939, thousands of commuters faced an unofficial strike which brought the underground system to a virtual halt. Many walked or cycled to work past motorists sweltering in traffic jams.

Mr Denis Tunnicliffe, managing director of London Underground, said he would not dismiss strike agitators for fear of turning them into martyrs.

The month is on course to be the hottest May this century in southern England. Several water authorities issued fresh appeals to customers to help conserve supplies yesterday.

A leading weather scientist said the heat wave bore a strong resemblance to conditions before the drought from May 1975 to August 1976. Dr Allen Perry, of the University College of Wales, Swansea, one of a team of experts commissioned by the Institute of Geographers to produce the official atlas of that 18-month drought, said there were several key similarities.

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They included the warm sea surface temperatures that persisted last winter and signs of a repetition of the circulatory pattern that produced dry, anti-cyclonic weather.

Dr Perry said an analysis of past hot summers showed that 80 per cent started in much the same way.

But he said that after warnings by hydrologists in February — after the driest three months on record — the weather "redeemed itself" with downpours in March and April.

Reservoirs essential to supplies in Wales and the South-west of England were recharged, but parts of Central England and East Anglia that were dependent on underground reservoirs could suffer shortages.

In London yesterday, dozens of visitors at the Chelsea Flower Show fainted in the heat. Many had brought umbrellas, but used them instead to shelter from the sun.

The St John Ambulance Brigade brought in extra volunteers and by lunchtime had treated 110 people, more than three times the number of cases in previous years.

Today's forecast is for another very warm and humid day for England and Wales, especially hot in the south.

A cold front moving south-east across Scotland and into Northern Ireland will bring clouds and showery rain, followed by dry, much fresher weather across most of Scotland and northern Ireland by midnight.

The outlook for the next 48 hours is mainly dry, but cooler as fresher weather spreads from the north.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

## Minister acts to avert flood threat

The Government promised action last night to prevent London and Birmingham being flooded (Philip Webster writes). The move came after a report warned that rising levels could damage big buildings and transport links.

*If nothing is done many buildings in both London and* Birmingham are at risk from groundwater rising at the rate of 1.6 metres a year. Mr Michael Howard, Minister for the Environment, announced that the new National Rivers Authority would look at the financial and technical implications of a scheme to reduce rising groundwater levels. It is to examine ways of pumping out the water.

The rising water is adding to the risk of weakened building foundations and flooded basements. Buildings with deep foundations in the City of London, Battersea, Fulham, Lambeth, Victoria and Westminster could be at risk.

## Museums Year show

The Frank Pick Gallery at the London Transport Museum in Covent Garden Piazzaopens its first exhibition today, "Piccadilly Circus - the heart of London" (Simon Tait writes). The exhibition tells the story of how the world's most famous junction was developed, above and below ground.

In a Times Museums Year event, Times Passport holders and guests are invited to a private view of the exhibition from 6.30 pm to 8 pm tonight, as well as a chance to see the rest of the museum for £2 a head with wine included.

## Welsh development

Mr Peter Walker, the Secretary of State for Wales, yesterday announced the formation of Welsh Development International, *a new body to attract more foreign investment*, as part of his personal drive to boost the Welsh economy. Wales secured 22 per cent of foreign investment in Britain last year. The new body, which replaces the Welsh Development Agency's Winvest investment arm, is being set up to capitalize on the single European market in 1992.

## Cuts appeal fails

The Court of Appeal yesterday dismissed an attempt by *Mr Frederick Corris, aged 74, to overturn £5.8 million spending* cuts by Bradford City Council that were pushed through on the casting vote of the city's Lord Mayor, Mr Smith Midgeley. Lord Justice Neill rejected claims that Mr Midgeley had not acted impartially.

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## Border smuggling

Cattle-smuggling across the border between Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic — in order to make false claims for EC farm subsidies — still persists despite efforts by British and Irish border officials to stamp it out, according to *a report published today by the Court of Auditors, which* monitors EC expenditure (Peter Guilford writes from Brussels). It says Britain has a higher incidence of fraud resulting from exchange rate disparities than any EC nation.

## 'Slimming pills' ban

Slimming pills containing high levels of guar and locust bean gums are to be banned as a potential a health risk, Mr John MacGregor, Minister of Agriculture, said yesterday (Michael *Hornsby writes). The ban, effective from June 13,* was welcomed by doctors. The gums cause the pills to swell in the stomach, dulling the appetite, but cases have been reported from Australia, Sweden and West Germany in which they swelled in the throat and casued an obstruction.

# Staff wastage at MoD is 'catastrophic'

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

The Ministry of Defence's Procurement Executive, responsible for spending £8.5 billion a year, is so gravely understaffed that it can no longer adequately police the defence industry, an all-party *committee of MPs said* yesterday.

There was a "catastrophic *haemorrhaging*" of the executive's best white-collar staff, many going straight to defence contractors. Millions of pounds of taxpayers' money was being wasted because of delays in procurement and in verifying contractors' bills. Huge amounts were being spent on hiring outside agency *staff to plug the gaps, the MPs* said.

Ministry officials had themselves admitted to the Commons select committee on defence that staff shortages were "damaging the efficiency with which the executive is able to carry out its procurement programme, leading to higher ... procurement and in-service costs, delays and higher risk levels."

The Conservative-controlled committee referred to recent allegations of financial impropriety by defence con*tractors and said:* "The balance of commercial advantage is moving towards the defence industry as suppliers, and away from the MoD as customers. This cannot be in the public interest ... the present situation cannot be allowed to continue."

The committee, chaired by *Mr Michael Mates, the senior* Conservative backbencher, disclosed that the 32,000-strong executive was 12 to 16 *per cent below establishment* overall, but that figure disguised some critical shortages, particularly in the South-east.

Shortages of secretaries had reached 30 per cent, and administrative assistants 56 per cent. Under-secretaries were having to do their own photocopying and records were not being kept up to date.

Electronic specialists were up to 22 per cent below *normal staffing levels, and* accountants, responsible for verifying contractors' claims, were up to 23 per cent short. *To plug the gaps, the ministry* was paying an average of £51,300 per man-year for agency staff, and up to £100,000 a year for computer staff.

In some cases, former Civil Servants working for agencies were being paid those rates to return to their old jobs. In *other cases, servicemen* were being drafted in to do civilian jobs although they were sometimes twice as expensive.

Some agency staff left the executive and went straight to defence contractors. Where that happened, "the potential for impropriety is unacceptable", the MPs said.

The committee said low pay was the root cause of the executive's problems. Administrative assistants began on £4,500 with a £1,750 London weighting. "It is hard to see how anyone can afford to live *in London on such a salary.*"

Higher up the scale, the private sector offered salaries as much as 50 per cent higher than the Civil Service. The ministry itself admitted to a "catastrophic haemorrhaging" of engineers, scientists and administrators in their early 30s, an "alarming" number going to defence contractors.

That diminished the executive's ability to secure value *for money on its contracts. It* aroused fears of impropriety. It also meant "the Government is paying the training costs of the private sector".

The report said: "For the most part it is the best that leave ... The fall in the overall quality of executive staff, with the transfer of expertise to the defence industry, is a most disturbing trend."

The executive was locked into "a vicious circle in which staffing shortages lead to poor morale and poor morale leads to people leaving and so even worse staff shortages".

Government recruitment drives had failed to solve the problem. The committee said low pay would undermine plans to boost recruitment by relocating parts of the executive outside London.

*Defence Select Committee: Staffing Levels in the Procurement Executive* (Stationery Office; £8.70).

# Captured Argentine radar to trap low-flyers

By Michael Hornsby,
Agriculture Correspondent

**Argentine radar equipment captured during the Falklands dispute is to return to service next month spotting low-flying Royal Air Force pilots over Cumbria.**

**"Up to now it has been a question of RAF police going out with a clipboard and visually monitoring infringements of the regulations", an RAF spokesman said yesterday. "But it is notoriously difficult for even a seasoned airman to judge the height and speed of low-flying aircraft".**

**The Ministry of Defence is now planning a public demonstration of its new aerial speedtrap at its Spadeadam bombing and electronic warfare range near Carlisle, in Cumbria.**

**Pilots are not supposed to fly lower than 250 ft and at a maximum speed of 450 knots. But there have been frequent complaints from villagers and farmers, and the RAF has paid compensation to farmers whose cattle have dropped dead or miscarried because of low-flying aircraft.**

**The Swiss-made radar system, known as Skyguard, was designed to work with 35 mm Oerlikon anti-aircraft guns, and was used by Argentine forces to track attacking British aircraft. RAF technicians have adapted it to provide an instant read-out of an aircraft's height and speed. It can be towed by a Land Rover and has already been used successfully in trials. It will be deployed in areas where there is a lot of low flying, such as the Borders, Wales, Northumberland and the Lake District.**

**Mrs Anne Dagg, who farms 600 acres with her husband, Ian, at Crailing, in Northumberland, near the MoD's Otterburn weapons testing range, said they had a bull die of fright and a heifer give birth to a dead calf. "The noise of these aircraft is absolutely unreal".**

# 'Watchdog' office says BT has more to do

By Colin Narbrough

The "steady improvement" made by British Telecom last year in its quality of service was praised yesterday by Professor Sir Bryan Carsberg, *the Director General of Telecommunications.* But he added that standards could still be higher.

"More needs to be done before I can be fully satisfied," he writes in the annual report *of the Office of Telecommunications,* the industry watchdog.

He acknowledges, however, that a recent opinion survey showed that 83 per cent of customers are "highly satisfied" or "fairly satisfied" with the service they are getting.

Sir Bryan says he was particularly pleased to have reached agreement with BT about the company's accepting some contractual liability for delayed fault repair and installing new lines.

*He sees the agreement as* having broken new ground in the regulatory field and representing an "important safeguard" for customers.

*Despite the improved qual*ity of service, the report shows that the number of complaints and general inquiries to Oftel last year fell only slightly to 23,782. Disputed telephone bills were the main issue.

*Sir Bryan says this sug*gested that the number was more closely linked to customers' awareness of Oftel's existence and ability to help than to BT's performance.

Oftel is giving priority this year to BT's procedures for handling complaints. It wants the company to implement its *own system to speed up the* processing of problem cases and operate satisfactory controls on the quality of complaints handling.

On the reliability of public call boxes, for which BT has been heavily criticized in the past, Sir Bryan notes that competitive pressures and ac*tion by Oftel has had a* "strongly beneficial effect". Joint Oftel-BT surveys have shown that BT had by the end of March exceeded its target of having 90 per cent of call boxes working.

On the subject of car phones, Sir Bryan reports significant dissatisfaction. Problems include a lack of information to customers, *poor installation and signifi*cant problems with the networks.

The success rate in getting calls through in congested areas is bound to be lower than with normal telephones, he says. "There is nothing wrong with this provided operators are as efficient as possible and customers are given adequate information to understand the service they can reasonably expect."

Sir Bryan reports "good progress" by BT's rival, Mercury, in providing competition in long-distance communications, but says a continuing regulatory presence will be required to ensure the competition is effective.

# Loyal isle greets 'our Duke'

*The Queen on a walkabout with Sir Charles Frossard, the Bailiff of Guernsey, yesterday.*

From Alan Hamilton
Guernsey

Emerald green dress and hat shimmering in the heat, the Duke of Normandy stepped ashore in Guernsey yesterday to be greeted by welcome banners in local French *patois;* prayed at alternately in French and English; addressed as *Majesté;* but assured of the dukedom's *unswerving allegiance to the* British Crown.

Although there has not really been a dukedom these last few centuries, Channel Islanders enjoy putting up signs reading "Guernsey welcomes the Queen our Duke," and toying with the romantic notion that it was they who conducted the last successful invasion of England in 1066.

Their fierce loyalty stems from the willingness of every monarch since King John in 1210 to let them run their own affairs and charge income tax at 20p in the pound.

Accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, the Queen disembarked from the Royal Yacht Britannia, moored for the first time in the harbour of *St Peter Port, to begin a three*day visit to the Channel Islands, her first for 11 years.

These being peaceable places with no standing army, the guard of honour on the quayside was mounted by the cadet force of *Elizabeth College,* a local public school.

Above the Queen a large hoarding on a dockside shed proclaimed *Bian V'nue,* the word of welcome in Guernsey French, a dialect now little spoken and barely remembered.

Across the harbour guns fired a salute from the medieval Castle Cornet, last outpost of the royalist troops during the Civil War.

A crowd of several thousand enjoying an island-wide public holiday watched as the Queen was greeted by Sir Charles Frossard, Bailiff of Guernsey, an omnipotent officer who combines the roles of Prime Minister, Lord Chancellor and head of the Civil Service. The Queen drove through the crowd-packed narrow streets of the old town of St Peter Port to a modern leisure centre *where, in a large gymnasium* 1,800 islanders, chosen as a cross-section of the population, heard the Sheriff of Guernsey announce the arrival of "Sa Majesté la Reine et Son altesse Royale".

The Dean of Guernsey recited the Lord's Prayer in French, and the Bailiff delivered — in English — a loyal address in which he spoke of Guernsey as "a proud fragment of the ancient Duchy of Normandy".

The Queen recalled that when she first visited the island in 1949 it was still recovering from the dark days of occupation. "Now, 40 years later, prosperity has returned and the future is bright."

After a walkabout in the town's winding High Street, the Queen opened Guernsey's new £17 million marina.

The Queen waved to the boats, and their hooters replied with a cacophony of peeps, poops and flatulent buglings that required no *translation.*

# Three UK chessmen in the lead

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

After four rounds of the Watson Farley Williams grandmaster tournament in *the City of London, three* British players are in the lead.

Michael Adams, aged 17, from Truro, Cornwall, beat Patrick Wolff, the American, in round four, and Daniel King, Britain's most recent grandmaster, won his game against Colin McNab of Scotland.

*Mihai Suba, the Romanian* who defected to England last year, won his game against Julian Hodgson of Britain.

Adams's score of three points from four sets him on the path to achieve a *grandmaster result. He is on* course to become Britain's youngest grandmaster yet.

Leading scores after four rounds: Adams, Suba and King 3 points; Wolff 2½; Bent Larsen (Denmark) and Keith Arkell (England) 2 (one adjourned game).

Other results from round four were: Matthew Sadler (England) lost to Larsen; Keith Arkell beat his wife Susan Arkell; Michael Wilder, the American champion, drew his game with Nigel Davies (England); and William Watson (England) drew with Paul Motwani (Scotland).

The Watson Farley Williams tournament, one of the strongest to be held in London in recent years, continues at the Minories in the City of London until June 1.

# North Sea strikers return to work

By Kerry Gill

Support for strikes in the North Sea oil and gas industry began to crumble last night when men voted to return to work at BP's Forties Field.

Elsewhere, hardliners insisted the industry faced a "summer of discontent".

Unofficial action in pursuit of pay increases and a safety review has involved almost 1,000 men and has spread to 12 offshore installations, but *most of the strikes have lasted only* 24 hours.

Lack of support for men in the Forties Field was relayed to a meeting in Aberdeen yesterday attended by "bears" — the North Sea oil and gas industry's term for construction workers.

Mr Thomas Lafferty, area official of the construction section of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, said: "They felt that once they had gone on indefinite stoppage everyone else in the North Sea should have done the same. We told them not to be despondent, the action they have taken and the support they have recieved is tremendous."

The Offshore Industry Liaison Committee meeting was split over what action to take. Some demanded an all-out stoppage, but union leaders emphasized that legislation required a ballot to be called first.

Others among the 100 workers at the meeting favoured a rolling programme of disputes. Mr Jim Fleming, an offshore scaffolder who jointly chaired the meeting, said: "We have shown the oil companies we are prepared to take *action. This is not the be-all and end-all* of a strike in the North Sea. This is just the beginning."

Mr Roger Lyons, assistant general secretary of the Manufacturing, Science and Finance Union, told the union's annual conference in Bournemouth: "The employees of the oil multinationals and the offshore construction companies have been treated as second-class citizens for too long." He said employers were trying to keep the true extent of the action secret.

It started at the weekend when the Forties Field men downed tools after the breakdown of negotiations between *unions and the contractors, Press Off*shore. The workers want an extension of the Offshore Construction Agreement, which applies only until an oil platform becomes operational.

Men on other installations joined the action when news of it spread. However, some had already finished their 24-hour protests and resumed working yesterday.

Mr Frank Doran, Labour MP for Aberdeen South, told yesterday's liaison committee meeting that a two-class system operated in the North Sea. Men employed directly by the oil companies received better pay and conditions than those working for contractors.

He said the dispute was not just about pay. "You know how many bodies we have had to carry out of the North Sea. It is this issue you are fighting for."


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# Hillsborough police rejected approaches on ticket allocation

By Peter Davenport

Police commanders in charge of the FA Cup semi-final at Hillsborough last month rejected appeals to change the way the ground was allocated to rival supporters.

The public inquiry into the disaster in which 95 supporters died was told yesterday that the Football Association, Liverpool FC and Sheffield Wednesday had all made approaches in an attempt to change police plans so that Liverpool supporters could be accommodated.

The appeals were rejected because officers believed their plans were the best way to segregate supporters and avoid the risk of public disorder.

The disclosures were made by Chief Supt Brian Mole on the sixth day of the hearings. Mr Mole was in charge of the division covering Hillsborough until he was appointed to a new command three weeks before the semi-final.

Mr Mole, an experienced officer of the South Yorkshire force, was the first police witness to give evidence before Lord Justice Taylor. Mr Mole was also in charge of planning for the 1987 and 1988 semi-finals.

He told the inquiry that the plans in 1987 and 1988 had worked successfully and were largely unchanged this year.

He said it had been decided that teams from the South were allocated the south side and the Kop at Hillsborough while those from the North were given the north stand and the west side, including the Leppings Lane terraces.

Consideration had been given to other methods of deployment but on balance he said it was felt those proposed by the police were the most appropriate way of achieving segregation and also took into account recommendations by Mr Justice Popplewell in his report after the Bradford fire.

The inquiry has heard about dissatisfaction among Liverpool supporters over their allocation of fewer tickets than Nottingham Forest although they traditionally have the largest travelling support.

Mr Mole said he told the FA, Liverpool and the Sheffield Wednesday club that he was only prepared to police the match under the plans laid down by the police. He said he was aware Liverpool was making a formal objection to the FA over the allocation.

Chief Supt Mole

**"You could change ends but the danger would be too great"**

He said it was a sad fact of life that although the majority of football supporters posed little or no difficulty for the police, they had to cater for the behaviour of the minority.

"We must find a method of maintaining the most positive and realistic segregation for the benefit of all, so they can attend sporting events without difficulty or danger.

"Yes, you could change the ends but the danger and risk would be too great," he said.

Mr Mole rejected suggestions from Mr Andrew Collins, QC, counsel for the inquiry, that police plans did not cater for the sudden, late arrival of a large number of supporters.

He said the same number of supporters was catered for in 1987 and 1988 and it was a change in behaviour of fans that caused the difficulties, not the facilities at the Leppings Lane end.

He denied a suggestion that the access difficulites formed by the design of the ground at the Leppings Lane end meant the situation there was "on a knife edge".

Mr Mole said supporters arriving without tickets were a problem and it was difficult to know the best way to deal with them. One way would be for police to have powers to deal with ticket touts, and he suggested it should be an offence to sell or buy tickets for an all-ticket match on the day of the event.

He said the decline in the use of football specials also lead to difficulties for police in controlling large numbers arriving in the city.

In 1987 there were 13 trains taking supporters to the semi-final, in 1988 there were three and this year one. That made it more difficult for police to shepherd fans to the ground and to restrict their ability to buy alcohol.

The inquiry continues today.

# Heat takes its toll at Chelsea

By Ruth Gledhill

PETER TREVNOR

Dozens of visitors to the Chelsea Flower Show collapsed and fainted in the sweltering heat yesterday.

Some who brought umbrellas, expecting the showers that were forecast, used them instead to shade themselves from the sun. Others sunbathed or crowded under the few available trees rather than look at the flowers.

The St John Ambulance Brigade brought in extra volunteers and by lunchtime had treated 110 people, at least three times the average number of casualties on previous years. Most had fainted, or collapsed with blisters, wearing new shoes bought especially for the show.

Mr Peter May, divisional superintendent, said: "I have been coming to Chelsea for ten years and I can't ever remember it being as bad as this. We have made provision, we have brought in extra equipment. If it stays like this, I anticipate a busy week."

Mr Stephen Bennett, shows director for the Royal Horticultural Society, said it was the hottest Chelsea he could remember.

Cooling his feet in the Primrose Hill Nurseries prize-winning rockery pools, he said: "It does bring problems, but everyone prefers it to a cold, wet show. People are exhibiting flowers that have never before been seen at the show.

"Normally, people turn up with raincoats, Wellington boots and umbrellas. This year, everyone is coming to sunbathe."

Exhibitors have been forced to change displays at the last minute as traditional May flowers go past their best and tropical plants, cacti and lilies bloom weeks early.

Mrs Mavis Sweetingham, the show's first woman manager, said many exhibitors were suffering the expense of replacing wilted plants. "But everyone enjoys it when it is hot", she said.

Mr Stephen Bennett, RHS shows director, cooling off in a rockery pool yesterday.

## Portfolio Bond

# £2,000 for sole winner

The £2,000 portfolio prize was won by Mrs Barbara M Toothill, of Leeds. Portfolio Bond Redemption winners were Mr N L H Somerset-Leeke, of Southampton, Hampshire, £50; Mr M K Addison, of Broseley, Shropshire, £50; and Mrs E Victor, of Ealing, West London, £1,000.

# Ruling on Lonrho plea today

By Sheila Gunn
Political Staff

Five law lords are expected to rule today whether they consider themselves fit to hear the case against Lonrho and the *Observer* in which the directors face fines, imprisonment or sequestration of assets for contempt.

Lawyers acting for Mr "Tiny" Rowland, the head of Lonrho, Sir Edward Du Cann, its chairman, and Mr Robert Dunlop and Mr Paul Spicer, its directors, have challenged the right of the law lords who initiated the contempt proceedings to act as "prosecutor, judge and jury".

Mr Gordon Pollock, QC, for the four men, said the law lords should not hear the case because they had chosen "effectively star chamber methods" instead of handing the case over to Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, the Attorney General.

If the law lords do not allow Sir Patrick to decide whether to send the case to the Crown Court, the Lonrho directors want a fresh set of law lords.

# Kidnap pair get 6 years

By Craig Seton

Two members of a kidnap gang were each jailed for six years yesterday for abducting a wealthy Kuwaiti businessman and holding him for a ransom of £1.5 million.

Danielle Peumans, aged 42, a secretary and former air hostess, from Brussels, and Eddy Doucet, aged 31, a diamond dealer from Antwerp, had pleaded guilty at Northampton Crown Court to kidnapping Mr Walleed al-Humaidh, aged 38, from a cottage at Brixworth, Northamptonshire, and falsely imprisoning him at a house in Cricklewood, north London, last September.

The court was told that another Belgian diamond dealer, Willy Schroyens, had recruited the pair to force Mr al-Humaidh, his former business associate, to repay $2.6 million he claimed the Kuwaiti owed him for diamond deals.

Yesterday, Mr Schroyens was free on bail in Belgium as Peumans, his girl friend, and Doucet, his brother-in-law, began their sentences.

He fled before the kidnap went wrong and police freed Mr al-Humaidh after five days. No ransom was paid.

Mr al-Humaidh is believed to be at home in Kuwait.

## Pilkington home raided

# Widow faces men in black at door

By Ian Smith

Lady Pilkington, widow of the glass company millionaire, told yesterday how she was confronted by three black-clad, masked men at her home who demanded her jewellery and threatened to hold her mother hostage.

The raiders stole nearly £100,000 after breaking into Windle Hall, on the outskirts of St Helens, South Yorkshire, the Pilkington family home since 1831. Three thieves stole items worth £50,000 from Lady Pilkington's bedroom seven years ago and a link has not been ruled out.

In this week's raid, just before midnight on Monday, Mrs Madge Caffrey, aged 89, was held under guard in her bedroom and her daughter, Lady Pilkington, was ordered to open the safe which contained jewellery. Both women were then locked in a bathroom while the gang rifled the house.

Lady Pilkington, aged 69, said yesterday: "I was about to put the alarm on before I went to bed when I heard a noise in my bedroom. Then when I opened my bedroom door I saw three men stood there dressed in black." One seized her, twisted her arm and warned her not to make a sound.

"I thought I was going to be raped or murdered, and screamed out at them not to hurt my mother, who was asleep in the next bedroom. They said no one would be hurt as long as I gave them all my jewellery, so I told them to take everything that was in the bedroom."

Lady Pilkington was warned that unless she revealed the whereabouts of other valuables her mother would be held hostage. "I knew I had no choice but to do what they told me so I opened the safe and they helped themselves," she said.

After the raiders left, an anonymous telephone call made to a local private hospital said two women at Windle Hall needed help. Police were sent.

Yesterday Mrs Caffrey said one "cheeky burglar" told her she deserved a bravery medal for trying to talk them out of the robbery. "I did not want any burglar to think they were going to get the better of me so I told them they were being stupid and asked them who on earth they thought would want to buy our belongings."

# Heatwave stirs memories of the long summer of '76

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The conditions creating the recent heatwave over much of Britain strongly resemble those leading up to the long hot summer and drought from May 1975 to August 1976, according to a leading weather scientist.

Dr Allen Perry, of the University College of Wales, Swansea, was one of a team commissioned by the Institute of Geographers to produce the official atlas of the 16-month drought, portraying the meteorological circumstances and their impact on water supplies, agriculture, property and the environmental fire hazard.

He said yesterday that there were a number of similarities between then and now.

They included the warm sea surface temperatures that persisted through last winter and signs of a repetition of the circulation pattern of the atmosphere that produced dry anti-cyclonic weather. He said an analysis of past hot summers showed that 80 per cent started in much the same way.

The peak temperatures recorded yesterday were the warmest for May since 1952, but were still a long way from the records set in 1922 and 1944 when temperatures were in the 90s.

However, he said some water authorities should escape the troubles of 13 years ago because downpours in March and April recharged reservoirs supplying Wales and the south-west of England.

But areas of central England and East Anglia that depended on natural underground reservoirs could suffer shortages.

The failure of the type of rain-bearing cyclonic circulation in 13 of the 16 months of the drought should not occur by chance more than once every few hundred years, according to the study for the geographers' institute. Although a definitive cause of the drought was difficult to identify, the period was accompanied by an unusual coldness in the Pacific Ocean, which has occurred again, and displacement over the northern hemisphere of the jet stream that steers the circulation of the lower atmosphere.

Large persistent blocking anticyclones, such as the one that has dominated the recent weather, diverted rain-bearing depressions far to the north of their normal tracks.

Because of the importance of the exchange of heat between the sea surface and the atmosphere in creating weather, the scientists believe that the receding margin of the Polar ice sheet could have an effect on the jet stream which meanders south of the ice edge along a zone beween Scotland and Iceland.

During the drought, the extreme northerly position of the jet stream, 10 degree from its normal track, became unsustainable and it suddenly jumped in August 1976 to near 50 degrees North.

● Insurance companies would be the hardest hit by a repeat of the 1976 drought. Subsidence and cracking of house foundations generated an estimated £100 million of claims against the companies, who continued to pay out for several years afterwards.

The worst-hit areas were in the South-east, where shrinkage of the clay soils typical of the region led to structural damage to houses.

The Prudential, one of the largest home insurance companies, said last night that it had contingency plans to deal with a repeat of 1976. "We are prepared for a drought, and have re-insurance to cover costs if we have a serious one," the company said.


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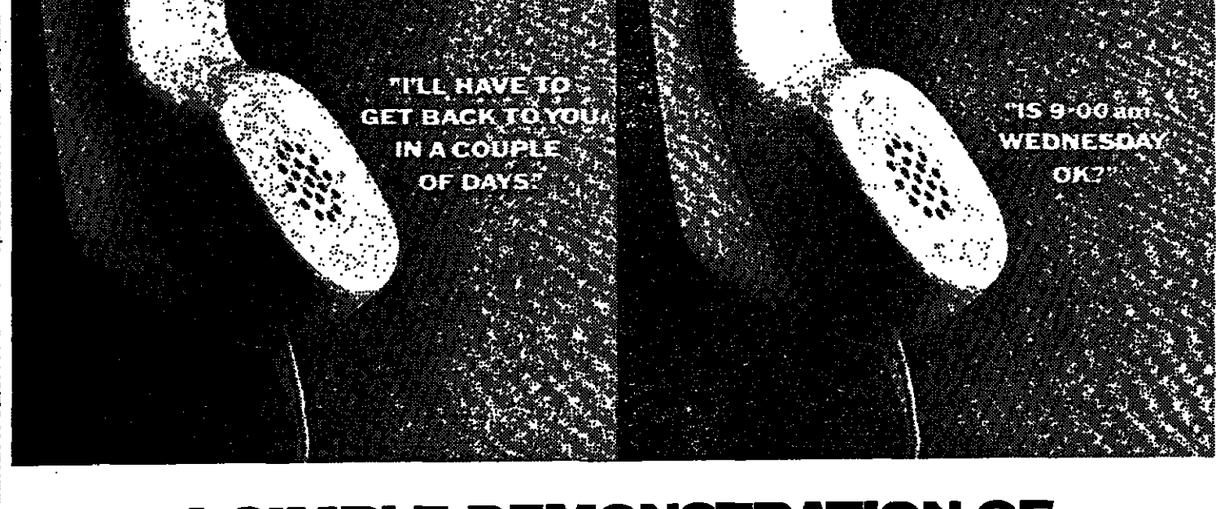


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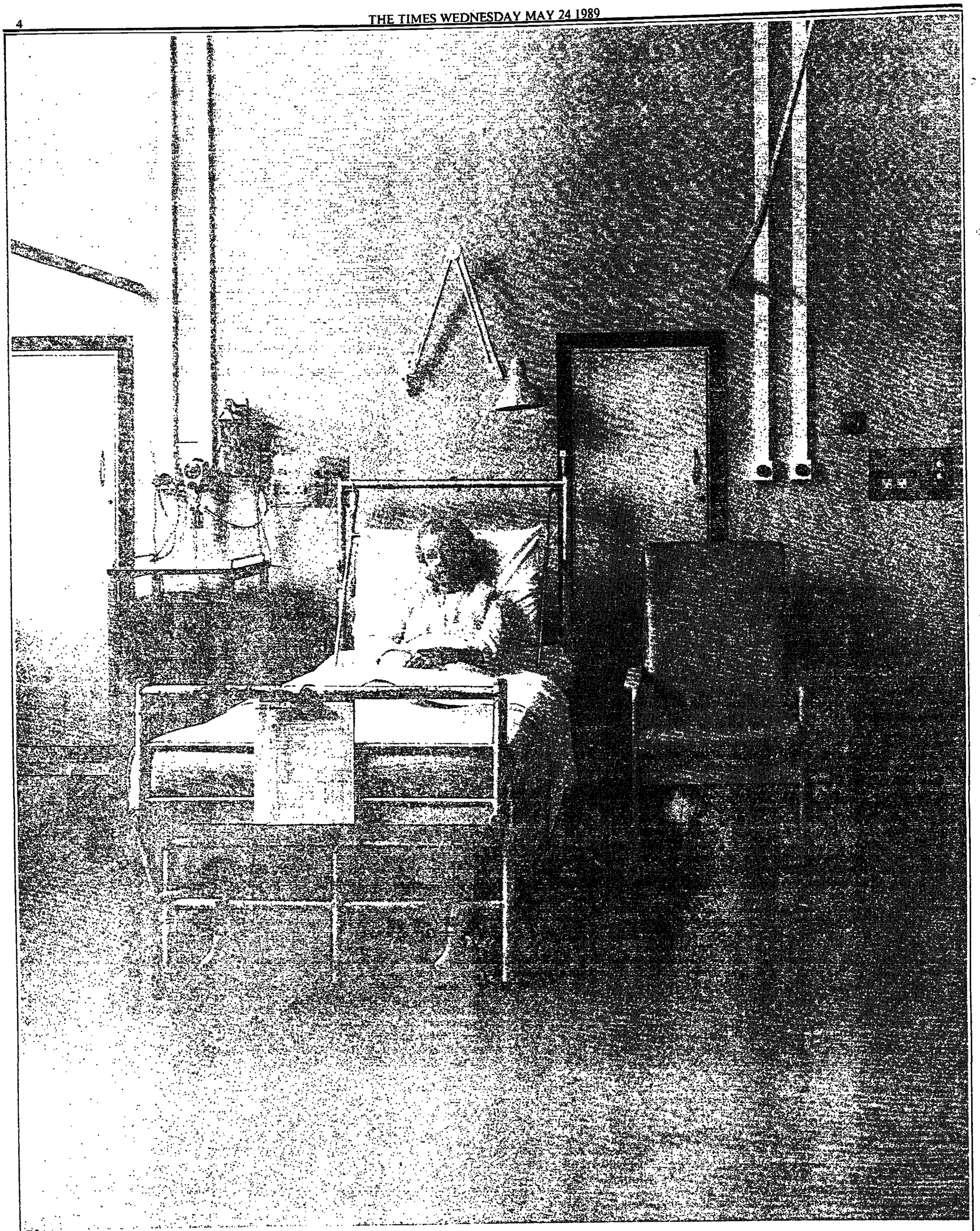

# WHEN YOU'RE 50 MILES FROM HOME, EVERY WARD IS AN ISOLATION WARD.

If the Government gets its way the local full-service hospital may soon be a thing of the past.

Patients could have to travel long distances for treatment, far away from friends and family.

Being ill will be a lonely business.

The Government is encouraging hospitals to opt out of the control of local health authorities.

They will be free to decide what range of services they offer and how much profit they make.

The pressure to concentrate on profitable patients will be overwhelming, as it is in America.

The elderly, the chronically sick and long-stay patients could find themselves shunted from pillar to post.

In the Government's sharp new Health Service, making medicine pay could become more important than making people well. No wonder, every major medical body in the U.K. has expressed their opposition to the White Paper as it stands.

So far, Mr. Clarke and Mrs. Thatcher have turned a deaf ear; but it's not too late. Before the White Paper becomes law, let your MP know what you think.

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# Senior judges attack Mackay reforms

By Richard Ford
Legal Affairs Reporter

Leading judges strongly criticized the Government's plans for far-reaching reform of the legal profession yesterday.

In one of the toughest statements yet delivered by senior judges to any government, they said the proposals posed a significant threat to the administration of justice.

Their 54-page response, endorsed at a meeting of more than a hundred Court of Appeal and High Court judges on Saturday, delivers a series of rebukes to the Lord Chancellor for failing to cost his proposals or outline the practical consequences of their implementation.

The response was produced by Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice; Lord Donaldson of Lymington, the Master of the Rolls; Sir Stephen Brown, President of the Family Division; Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor of the Supreme Court; the lord justices of appeal, and judges of the High Court.

The tone of the document — entitled *The Green Papers: The Judges' Response*, drawn up by a working party of the Judges' Council — is measured, but it says that the Government's plans might undermine the rule of law, lead to a decline in advocates' conduct and competence and create a "potentially very dangerous" transfer of power from the judiciary to a government department.

The judges oppose the introduction of American-style contingency fees and express serious concern that the existence of solicitors' firms across the country will be threatened if financial institutions are allowed to undertake conveyancing.

However, they concentrate the bulk of their opposition on proposals that would remove some of their power and erode the Bar's monopoly on appearing in the higher courts.

They criticize as "peremptorily short" the three-month consultation period allowed by the Lord Chancellor, and say the Government must bear some responsibility for the "regrettable" tone of the public debate that has occurred since the three Green Papers were published in January.

Rebuking Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, the judges say: "The production of the Green Paper, containing such far-reaching proposals, some of them expressed in very firm terms, with a peremptorily short period for comments before the introduction of legislation at a very early date, has inevitably created an unfortunate atmosphere, not conducive to calm and rational discussion." However, while they present a strong defence of the advantages of the existing system, the judges admit it has some shortcomings in relation to costs, delays, the late return of briefs by barristers and the organization of the Bar.

So exceptional are the plans that the judges admit they have abandoned their normal practice of not collectively expressing views on a proposal to reform a law or legal system.

The proposals raised a constitutional issue and many of the changes were a complete reversal of views expressed by the Government six years ago, they said. They would bring fundamental and irreversible alterations to the way in which litigation in the higher courts was conducted.

The judges warned the Government that if implemented in their present form, the plans would have "grave implications for the future administration of justice" in England and Wales. "Accordingly, we consider we ought to draw attention to these implications, so that they can be weighed carefully by those responsible for making decisions on them."

However, they said they understood the groundswell of public opinion demanding that the "fusty" corridors of law were opened up and the legal profession modernized. Anything that, on a superficial presentation, looked as if it would reduce costs and simplify the administration of justice was welcomed by the public with open arms.

"Underlying this there is often a sentiment that any proposal for reform which hurts lawyers, or an apparently privileged group of them, must be good."

The judges admitted that in some cases lawyers were responsible for those sentiments and the resultant Green Papers.

"To the extent that, in some fields (although not in others), costs are indeed too high, lawyers have brought this upon themselves," they said.

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**Independence and advocacy**

# Lord Chancellor's new powers should be held in check by judiciary

By Our Legal Affairs Reporter

Judges have joined the Bar and Law Society in strongly opposing the proposed lay-dominated body that will have regulatory powers dealing with the education, conduct and official recognition of legal practitioners.

They say it is unlikely that lay representatives have the sound judgement on legal education or legal practice needed to deal with matters of education and conduct, and warn the Government of the risk the committee faces of being unduly influenced by Civil Servants.

In addition, they say there is "grave concern" about the proposal that the Lord Chancellor will be the final arbiter in all such matters.

"He will have the power, which no government minister has hitherto had and no government has hitherto sought, to exercise ultimate control over the profession of advocacy in the courts."

This is a "grave breach of the doctrine of separation of powers", the judges say, though it does not directly threaten the independence of the judges themselves.

They believe there is a risk that a future Lord Chancellor might use his powers to to deter advocates from representing unpopular minorities or those challenging the Government's decisions.

The judges say that if the Lord Chancellor acquires additional powers to bring about changes in the organization of the Bar, the legislation should provide safeguards so that orders under statutory instruments cannot be made with the concurrence of the judiciary.

"The Government should recognize that it has gone too far in making these proposals and should accept that such powers as the Lord Chancellor may require should be exercised by him only with the concurrence of the judiciary.

"In this way the necessary separation of the proper powers of the judiciary from those of the executive would be preserved." In a strong defence of their present position, the judges say one of the great constitutional tasks of the courts today is to control the excesses of Government ministers and departments.

"Anything which tends to weaken the independence of the judges or blur the separation of their functions and those of the Government is to be deplored and must be opposed."

**Advocacy**

As expected, the judges' official response to the Lord Chancellor's Green Papers on the legal profession defends the existing system of advocacy, its qualities and its contribution to the quality of justice in England and Wales.

**Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, has recommended ending the Bar's monopoly in the higher courts and proposed introducing a lay-dominated advisory committee with regulatory powers over education, conduct, disciplinary procedures and advocacy.**

**If his Green Papers on the legal profession are approved, a certification system for advocates will be introduced; barristers and solicitors will be able to form partnerships and multi-disciplinary partnerships under new legislation; financial institutions will be able to undertake conveyancing work; and an American-style contingency fee system will be introduced.**

The judges defend present methods of imposing codes of conduct and standards and say Lord Mackay's plans will damage existing quality.

A fence must be put around those practising as advocates, in the public interest. They judges oppose any plan to allow non-lawyers, with or without specialist expertise, to practise in the Supreme Court.

Advocates must be bound by a single code of conduct administered by one professional body so that a uniform approach to the maintenance of standards is applied.

The judges reject as a "retrograde and most unfortunate step" the creation of new categories of advocates, subject to the different disciplinary processes.

They insist that they retain ultimate control of the conduct of those practising in the Supreme Court and say the present advocacy system enables barristers to take a more objective view of the likelihood of acquittal at trial; allows the choice of barrister to be in the hands of someone able to make an informed decision; and provides even the smallest solicitors' firm with access to a wide range of barristers.

"The Green Paper seriously underestimates the strength of pressures on advocates and, in consequence, it seriously overestimates the ability of regulations to resolve the conflict of duty to which the new members of the enlarged corps of advocates will be subject."

**Rights of Audience**

Like the Bar, the judges are opposed to extending solicitors' rights of audience in the higher courts. They say there is a risk that advocates' skills will decline, solicitors' and barristers' professions will fuse, and recruitment to the Bar will be adversely affected.

The judges set guidelines, if their opposition to extending rights of audience in the Higher Courts is ignored by the Government.

They say that if employed lawyers and Crown Prosecution Service employees are granted rights of audience in the higher courts, they should abide by the rules and discipline of the Bar.

They also say they would be receptive to a limited extension of the categories of case in which solicitors already have rights of audience in the High Court and Crown Court.

Transfer between the two professions should be simpler, with a reduction in costs and the formalities when a solicitor wants to become a barrister in mid-career. They also want a re-examination of the restriction preventing lawyers from being barristers and solicitors at the same time.

**The Present System**

Judges admit that features of the existing system have given rise to justifiable dissatisfaction. They include court delays, complex procedures, expense, delays involving legal advisers and the late return of briefs.

"There is some truth in the criticism that only those who are rich enough or poor enough can afford to be involved in civil disputes in the High Court." However, the judges say it cannot be assumed that by giving solicitors rights of audience in the higher courts, costs will fall or there will be greater efficiency.

**Certification**

The proposed system of licensing advocates by a certification process is dismissed as "unsound".

The judges say it is not sufficient that an advocate's fitness to graduate from a limited to full certificate should be judged on the number of hours spent in court or the absence of a complaint.

There is no mechanism to ensure that the holder of a full certificate continues to practise the skills of an advocate. They add that in some respects, the proposals are too strict because they exclude holders of limited certificates, in specialist areas such as tax, planning and patents, from appearing in the High Court.

It is inevitable that if different bodies are given the power to issue and revoke certificates, there will be different standards. "It seems to us, therefore, that the proposals for advocates to be licensed by certificate might well prove unworkable in practice."

**Ombudsman**

While not convinced of the need for an ombudsman, the judges say they have no objection in principle to the appointment, so long as the scope of his jurisdiction is drawn to prevent any encroachment on their area of jurisdiction.

## Leading critics on the bench

Signatories of the response (clockwise from top left): Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls; Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice; Sir Stephen Brown, President of the Family Division; and Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor of the Supreme Court.

**Legal practice**

# Barristers may fall prey to 'conflict of interest' in firms

By Our Legal Affairs Reporter

Lord Mackay of Clashfern's plan to allow partnerships and multi-disciplinary practices involving barristers and other professionals meets with strong disapproval from the judges.

But the judges, all former barristers, admit that the Green Papers have identified administrative practices at the Bar, including the arrangements for training and educating young barristers, that need re-examination.

They say the Bar Council is "vigorously" tackling the problem of accommodation and education.

● **Multi-disciplinary practices.** The judges say the idea is objectionable and the Government's concern to ensure that barristers meet the wider obligation to court rather than to clients or fellow partners is unrealistically optimistic.

They say there is a danger of conflict of interest and a reduction in recruitment to the Bar because large firms can offer security and immediate financial rewards to barristers.

Large firms will attract leading barristers in the specialist Bars, the say; in time, advocates will participate in the preparation of cases and spend less time in court, commercial pressure will lead to larger firms creating their own in-house advocacy departments and a downward spiral will reduce the Bar to odd pockets of advocates.

"There are real risks. When specialists cease to be sole practitioners and join multi-disciplinary partnerships, public access to their services is impaired; when sole practitioners or small firms are swallowed by larger ones, costs increase; and when a firm has its own advocate, it does not recommend others."

● **Partnerships.** The judges are unhappy about allowing barristers to enter partnerships with each other. They say the rigour involved in being a sole practitioner will be lacking in partnerships because they often carry passengers.

The collective effect of both partnerships and multi-disciplinary practices will impair the competence, integrity and trustworthiness of advocates. In time the quality of judges will decline and discipline will be harder to enforce.

● **Direct Access To Advocates.** Allowing lay clients direct access to barristers will mean a loss of objective, disinterested advice, the judges say. The quality of advocates will decline because barristers will no longer have to satisfy professional solicitors.

With direct access, an advocate will need to cover the overheads involved in preparing cases that are presently dealt with in the initial stages by solicitors.

The judges say the separation of the process of preparation and presentation increases honesty and allows the advocate to be more objective in advising a client.

● **Crown Prosecution Service.** The judges object to the plan to extend rights of audience in the higher courts to members of the CPS and other employed lawyers.

They are not as optimistic as the Government in believing that a code of conduct can be drafted to guard against any clash of interest between a lawyer's duty to the court and his interest in furthering a case because his promotion within a firm might depend on it.

● **Contingency fees.** The judges oppose their introduction, but suggest that lawyers should be allowed to operate a speculative system whereby lawyers are paid only their normal costs if the client wins, and otherwise nothing.

● **Conveyancing by authorized practitioners.** By allowing financial institutions and others to undertake conveyancing, the Government risks a drop in the number of solicitors' offices and their concentration in larger towns.

● **Appointments to the High Court bench.** Almost all senior judges believe that circuit judges who were formerly solicitors should be eligible for appointment to the High Court bench.

## Severn chemicals warning

Police yesterday warned parents to keep children away from the Severn after several canisters of chemicals that explode in water were dumped in the river.

Officers launched a search after reports of explosions near Llanidloes, Powys, and found 40 two-inch containers. They said a box containing 100 of the canisters had been stolen from a local factory.

## Eggs charge

Mr John Hemmings, aged 54, yesterday denied five charges before magistrates at Dartford, Kent, of illegally possessing 36,203 birds eggs.

## Abuse report

There has been a significant increase in the number of children sexually abused in Lancashire, it was reported yesterday.

## Gatwick guard

Troops of The Parachute Regiment and the Life Guards joined armed police in a big anti-terrorist operation at Gatwick Airport yesterday.

## Posted south

A group of 24 unemployed from Doncaster, South Yorkshire, who sought jobs at the Post Office, yesterday began work as postmen in Surrey.

## Gretna grows

Gretna Green is to get a new register office to cope with the increased number of weddings, running at 1,400 a year.

## Aerosol attack

Twenty-three primary school children were taken to hospital in Hull yesterday after two boys sprayed them with an aerosol canister.

**Assistant solicitors' salaries**

# Entrants win 22% increases in pay boom

By Our Legal Affairs Reporter

**The salaries of assistant solicitors in private practice soared by 22 per cent last year, with some of the highest rates of increase occurring in northern England and Wales, according to a survey published today.**

**The study discloses that although pay for assistant solicitors rose generously in those areas of the country, women's salaries remain between 12 and 25 per cent behind their male colleagues.**

**The figures in a survey of non-partner solicitors in private practice also shows that those specializing in company and commercial law had the highest average wage while those working in matrimonial law received the lowest average pay.**

**They also highlight the difficulties facing the Crown Prosecution Service in recruiting lawyers when new qualified solicitors entering private practice can earn about £3,000 a year more in the City and West End firms.**

**An assistant solicitor joining a City or West End firm with up to one year's experience earns an average £21,325 and £20,056, compared with a basic Crown Prosecution Service salary of £16,440, which rises to £17,500 if Saturday work is undertaken. Those employed by the largest City solicitors earn a starting salary of £20,600 a year, rising to £24,290 with 12 months' experience, £37,640 with four years', £45,550 with six years' and £48,850 with eight years'.**

**The average salary increase between January 1, 1988, and January 1 this year was 22 per cent, but there were regional variations which saw an increase of 27 per cent in the Midlands, between 23 and 24 per cent in the North and the South. The City had the lowest figure at 14 per cent.**

**However, the boom time may be slowing down particularly now that the residential property market is sluggish, according to Chambers and Partners, a London recruitment agency which carried out the survey among 1,060 assistant solicitors aged up to 50 working in England and Wales.**

**Mr Michael Chambers said: "1988 was a year of high salary increases for solicitors. It is our impression that 1989 is not going to see their salaries going up at quite the same rate.**

**"Salaries are certainly continuing to rise quite substantially. There is enormous pressure on firms to keep staff."**

*Assistant Solicitors in England and Wales: Salary Survey 1989* (Chambers and Partners, 74 Long Lane, London EC1A 9ET).

# Church synod to hear appeal on suspension of Mackay

By Kerry Gill

Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, will today be in the bizarre position of being on trial himself when, in absentia, he faces his accusers within the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland.

The head of the English judiciary, charged with attending a Roman Catholic requiem mass, is at the centre of a dispute that has split the conservative church between hardline fundamentalists and the emergent moderate wing.

The Lord Chancellor was suspended from taking communion and acting as an elder for six months by the church's southern presbytery last year.

The Free Presbyterian Church Synod, which began in Inverness last night, will today hear an appeal against sentence on Lord Mackay's behalf by his kirk session in Edinburgh.

Whether he is found "guilty" depends largely on the outcome of a hearing this morning when the Rev Alexander Murray, a former moderator of the church, may be suspended for speaking to the press during an earlier suspension for asking a Roman Catholic priest to officiate in prayers before a Highland Regional Council meeting. Hardliners believe that Mr Murray's utterances made clear he had not shown repentance for his crime.

Lord Mackay: Appealing against church's sentence.

If he is suspended again, Mr Murray, who supports Lord Mackay, will not be able to vote on the Lord Chancellor's case later, and voting is expected to be very close.

Lord Mackay will almost certainly not be present. Fifteen ministers and elders will form the prosecution and defence. The case is expected to last several hours as representatives empowered to vote deliberate on the matter.

The split in the church will be further demonstrated tomorrow when an overture will be presented to the synod, which effectively says that individual conscience is not dictated by the church but by God, and that the church cannot rule on private judgement. It argues against blind obedience and says that individual judgement is a duty.

# Parents must pay for child crimes

By John Lewis, Political Staff

Parents are to be held responsible for crimes committed by their children in a new Criminal Justice Bill ministers hope to introduce in the next parliamentary session.

The Government's attitude has hardened since the idea was mooted by Mr John Patten, Minister of State at the Home Office, earlier this year. A highly favourable reaction has convinced ministers that they should legislate.

If space is not found in the next session, starting in November, then the Bill will come in the following session.

Mr Patten gave a broad hint of the measures at the Conservative Women's National Conference in London yesterday.

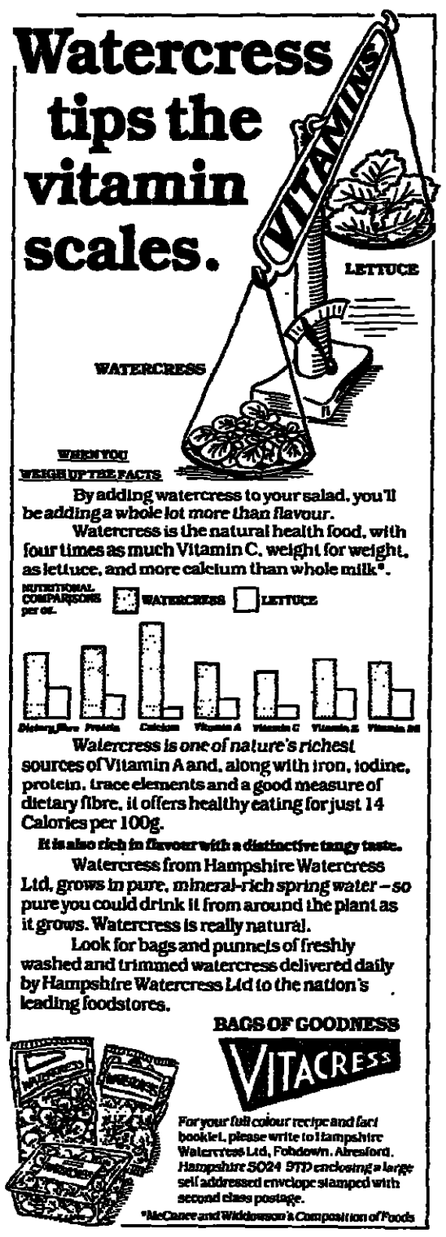
He said that under the new law parents would have to pay children's fines and would be compelled to attend court hearings that involved their children. The present law under which parents can be bound over to stop their children repeating offences would also be clarified and strengthened.

Mr Patten said nearly a third of crime in Britain was committed by those under 17. The peak age was 15.

"A staggering 6,000 crimes were committed in 1987 by those under 10, today's mini-criminals, tomorrow's prisoners crowding our jails. Parents must be made more responsible," he said to loud applause.

He asked: "Do you know that in this country at present parents do not have to be in court when their children are being tried? I tell you they should be.

"My message to this conference is that crime prevention begins in the home," he said.

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LABOUR EUROPEAN ELECTION MANIFESTO

# Kinnock seeks community of co-operation

By Robin Oakley
Political Editor

Labour's manifesto for the European Parliament elections, released yesterday, sets the seal on Labour's final conversion to support for the European Community after a history of bitter internal feuding on the issue.

Calling for the use of Europe's combined strength to tackle common problems, it concentrates on attacking the Government for failing to prepare Britain adequately for the single European market in 1992.

It depicts Mrs Margaret Thatcher as being "out of sympathy with the European agenda", highlights women's issues and calls on the electorate to express a judgement on 10 years of Thatcherism.

Slimmer and less detailed than the 62-page Tory manifesto, Labour's document, *Meeting the Challenge in Europe*, is not so sharply focussed on specifically European issues and refers frequently to the party's overall policy review document issued last week.

Although much effort is concentrated on attacking Mrs Thatcher's attitudes to Europe, Labour too says: "We see the path to future progress as being one of closer and closer co-operation, rather than an attempt to create a united states of Europe."

Labour too says that the time is not ripe for British participation in the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary System. Like the Conservative manifesto it opposes full-scale monetary union and any attempt to harmonize value-added tax rates.

The party insists that Europe in 1992 should not become a fortress Europe closed to the goods of outside producers and it objects to the creation of a centralized tier of government in Brussels. Labour also promises reform of what it calls the "continuing nonsense of the Common Agricultural Policy".

Where Labour's approach differs is in its enthusiasm for progress on the social dimension in Europe, with enhanced workers' rights set out in the new social charter, and for co-operation with other European nations on environmental protection.

In a foreword to the manifesto Mr Neil Kinnock says that Labour wants to use the combined strength of Europe to meet common problems like the threat to the environment, and it sees an urgent need for more investment in education, training and research and development.

He accuses the Tories of blocking or delaying the operation of every progressive Community measure, "no matter how it would raise standards of environmental improvement, trading conditions or educational provision".

Under Conservative government, he says, a visible trade surplus with the rest of the Community has become a £14 billion deficit, despite Britain's oil revenue advantage. "For them the future is in deregulation without social obligation. To them Western Europe must only be a barrier-free trade group without any co-operative responsibilities. To them, Europe must only be a market, not a community".

The Labour leader calls for a reversal of the centralization of power under the Conservatives and for the collective strength of the EC to be used to encourage change in the wider world. But he promises: "We will retain in our own Parliament the rights of determination on issues that are of direct and important national interest."

The document claims that 10 years of Tory government — a huge trade deficit, higher inflation than any other comparable country and an underinvested, badly trained, ill-equipped economy — have left Britain too weak to meet the challenges of 1992 It says that Britain lags behind the rest of Europe on rights at work, maternity leave, childcare provisions and pensions. It declares: "We want to see rapid progress on the social dimension and on environmental co-operation."

Labour, it says, would strengthen the economy, tackle the CAP, embrace the new social agenda, encourage European efforts to protect the environment, work with its EC partners to build strong European industries and begin redressing regional imbalances.

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DENZIL McNEELANCE

Mr Neil Kinnock launching the Labour manifesto yesterday: "We see a path to closer and closer co-operation rather than a united states of Europe."

## ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

The manifesto says: "The European Monetary System, as at present constituted, suffers from too great an emphasis on deflationary measures as a means of achieving monetary targets, and substantial changes would therefore be required before we could take sterling into the exchange rate mechanism (ERM).

"We do not, however, see any advantage at present in trying to create a full-scale European monetary union".

At his press conference Mr Kinnock explained that a Labour government would not contemplate entering the ERM until there were proper arrangements for financial support during the transitional period, an expanded role for the social and regional funds in the EC, an agreed EC growth strategy and Britain was able to join "at a competitive rate".

The document calls for a fundamental reform of the Community budget. Labour says: "We want a great improvement in the balance between expenditure on the structural funds and expenditure on agriculture. Furthermore, we do not accept the argument, put forward by the Commission, for the need to harmonize VAT rates or for the ending of zero rating".

## THE ENVIRONMENT

Labour is committed to a programme to improve the environment and is proposing an environmental protection executive independent of government, which will implement and monitor standards.

It recognizes the need for action at the European level and pledges to strive to meet, or exceed, the standards agreed by the Community.

It will also insist on widening co-operation to countries beyond the EC's borders. "As Chernobyl shows, pollution knows no national boundaries".

The document says: "Instead of paying lip service to the need to deal with atmospheric pollution, Labour will back international measures to reduce acid rain, cut vehicle exhaust emissions and eliminate the use of CFCs. Labour is simply not prepared to see Britain pilloried as the Dirty Man of Europe."

## DEMOCRACY

Labour's manifesto calls for a Freedom of Information Act and the restoration of the "democratic rights" of local government. It promises the establishment of a system of democratic regional government in England and Wales and a legislative assembly in Scotland.

It says significant changes are needed in the way the Westminster Parliament handles EC proposals and legislation. Labour's previous policy document called for a European Affairs Grand Committee. The manifesto says: "We see the path to future progress as being one of closer and closer co-operation, rather than an attempt to create a united states of Europe.

"The solution is not, therefore, to create a centralized tier of government in Brussels to supplant national governments but to ensure that the extensive and growing European co-operation we seek is properly responsive to the UK Parliament and to the British people."

It rejects the idea of a Fortress Europe.

## PREPARING FOR 1992

Labour's manifesto says that Britain is "dangerously ill-prepared for the competitive world of the 1990s, when North Sea oil will no longer be such an advantage".

There is a "huge skill gap" between Britain and its competitors, who have invested more in training, research and new technology.

Britain is steadily losing its share of world markets. The documents issues a warning that unless something is done, after 1992 "jobs and investment will drain away from Britain to the more prosperous parts of Europe" and more and more of our industries will be sold to the highest bidder. "On present form 1992 will be a disaster for Britain rather than an opportunity."

Labour says the Government has spent millions on glossy advertising about 1992 but should have identified strengths and weaknesses in British industry sector by sector, and stepped in to help.

The document refers to British Technology Enterprise, the body outlined by Labour in the policy review report, *Meet the Challenge, Make the Change*. It would work with industry to develop high-tech firms.

It says that Labour proposes a new national programme for science, a stronger Department of Trade and Industry and a tough new policy on mergers (takeover bidders would have to prove that the merger was in the public interest).

Labour would boost regional policy by "devolving economic power from Whitehall to new elected national and regional assemblies".

## INDUSTRY

Labour would press for Europe-wide policies for industry. They would include:

- The development of a "coherent strategy for industry" in Europe to build industries capable of competing with the Americans and the Japanese.
- Co-operation between governments to ensure that multinational companies were not able to play off countries against each other.
- Co-operative efforts at European level on technological and scientific research.
- The provision of money from the Social Fund to give a new priority to investment in education and training.
- Extra funds for regional development.
- New Europe-wide investment programmes for transport and telecommunications.

## AGRICULTURE

Labour favours a system based on countryside management agreements designed to channel support to farmers most in need. It wants to shift the emphasis to food policy and intends to "change the nature" of the Ministry of Agriculture and to establish a Food Standards Agency.

It says: "The Common Agricultural Policy is still desperately expensive, highly wasteful and environmentally damaging. We want to put an end to the scandal which means that every family in the Community has to spend more than £13.50 a week to finance a policy which results in large mountains of unsaleable produce."

## EMPLOYEES' RIGHTS

The manifesto states: "Labour is enthusiastically committed to the proposals for a Social Europe — a European Community where workplaces are safe and workers are well trained, fully consulted and properly rewarded throughout the course of their working lives, and a Europe where the role and contribution of women is properly recognized".

Remarking that Mrs Margaret Thatcher has blocked "any social legislation designed to improve our working lives", the manifesto warns Labour supporters: "We must not delude ourselves that it will be easy to overcome her opposition. She has her veto and the Single European Act does not allow majority voting on taxes or social improvements." It calls for more Labour MPs in the European Parliament to fight for social reforms.

The document explains that Labour supports the Community proposals for employees' statutory rights to participate and negotiate with management. "We support a legal right for workers to be informed about major changes in their company."

Labour will back proposals on extending rights to part-time workers, which will benefit many women. "We will end the Tory opposition to the directive on rights for temporary workers. We will lift the Tory-imposed veto on directives covering other such issues as the use of dangerous substances, protection against biological agents at work, requirements for work with visual display units, and equal treatment for men and women.

## A EUROPE FOR WOMEN

Labour plans to highlight women's rights issues during the European elections campaign and has drafted a front-bencher, Ms Marjorie Mowlam, on to the campaign team to co-ordinate its efforts.

She told the press conference to launch the manifesto that Britain was the only country in Europe which taxed workplace nurseries, that it had the shortest period of maternity benefits (six weeks, compared with 21 weeks in Italy and 32 weeks in West Germany) and that it had been taken before the European Court on sex discrimination cases more often than any other EC nation.

The manifesto promised that it would be a central objective of the next Labour government to change the balance of power in Britain and achieve real equality between the sexes. It says Britain is behind its European counterparts on childcare provision, maternity rights, pensions, pay, protection for part-time workers and working hours for mothers.

It accuses the Tories of blocking EC proposals on parental and family leave, pro-rata rights for part-time workers and protection for home-workers.

The document says that Labour "wants" to establish a range of childcare services for the welfare and education of under-5s and older children out of school and that it "aims" to give families better child and maternity benefits.

Future of education

# Baker sets out to woo teachers

By David Tytler, Education Editor

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, began his public campaign to win the support of teachers last night.

Speaking at the Royal Society in London, Mr Baker said Britain's teachers compared favourably with those of other developed countries.

He has been under considerable pressure to woo teachers, having removed their pay negotiating rights and given the impression that children were being let down in the classroom.

Mr Baker has restarted talks with the main teachers' unions to find that he is in conflict over his plans for on-the-job training and licensed teachers, who are due to enter the classroom this September.

Many teachers have said they would refuse to work with "untrained teachers".

Many of Mr Baker's senior officials and advisers believe his education reforms will stand or fall by the co-operation of teachers. Last night Mr Baker, giving the inaugural IBM education lecture, said Britain's teachers stood comparison with any in the developed world in professionalism, dedication and imagination.

"In virtually every part of the developed world, governments are taking a new look at the quality of their education systems. They too are examining how to secure for all their children a high-quality education which is broad, balanced and relevant to modern needs in a competitive world," he said.

"When I talk about further action to improve teacher quality, my targets are ambitious. They are deliberately set high. I am seeking to build upon substantial achievement.

"I want a teaching profession which is confident in its professionalism; which sees and responds to the challenge of every child; which is outward-looking and adaptable; and which, above all, revels in the excitement and pleasures of teaching and learning. We have teachers to be proud of; I want teachers to take pride in what they do.

"The rewards in watching your pupils grow and develop are direct and lasting.

"I believe that teaching will become even more interesting as a result of the implementation of the Education Reform Act. Teachers will still have central responsibility for what goes on in the classroom, and the introduction of school budgets involves them more in decisions about how the school is run."

- Poor pay, increasing work and poor training were blamed yesterday for a decline in the number of senior teachers prepared to be heads.

More heads and deputies are also seeking early retirement, with few wanting to stay beyond 57. The Government has been warned that the situation will worsen.

A survey, commissioned by the National Association of Headteachers, showed that during the past two years more than 70 per cent of local authorities had difficulties in drawing up shortlists, particularly for primary school heads.

Mr David Hart, the association's general secretary, said: "The picture given by the survey is not a disaster but it does show it has got worse over five years.

"It is now more difficult to fill vacancies. There has been an increase in re-advertisements but I was surprised at the extent to which local authorities are unable to fill headships without re-advertising."

About a fifth filled all primary posts without re-advertising, while about half were able to fill all their secondary headships. Half reported that applications had decreased over the past five years and a third said there had also been a drop in quality.

The survey said in 1987-88, about 6 per cent of primary, 7 per cent of secondary and 9 per cent of special school heads wanted to retire early.

# Sleeping out for a good purpose

DENZIL McNEELANCE

Lee Gould, aged 11, and his sister Nikki, aged 10, waking up after a night in cardboard boxes on the lawn of Dean's Yard in the shadow of Westminster Abbey. They were among 100 adults and children who greeted the Duchess of York yesterday as she launched National Sleep Out Week to help raise £5 million for Britain's homeless.

# SNP 'only party with a united vision'

By Kerry Gill

The Labour and Conservative parties are trying to cut Scotland off from having a direct voice in Europe, the Scottish National Party said yesterday.

Mr Gordon Wilson, the SNP leader, said only the nationalists' vision of becoming an independent and equal partner in the Community was united and clear.

Mr Wilson was speaking in Edinburgh at the launch of his party's pamphlet detailing their case for independence in Europe, thousands of copies of which will be distributed in the run-up to the Euro-elections next month.

He said: "The public spectacle of the Tories tearing themselves apart over Europe cannot mask the equally deep split in Labour's ranks."

Despite the U-turns made by Mr Kinnock, his Euro MPs had elected a fiercely anti-European leadership and many were contesting the elections on a platform that included the option of pulling out of the community, Mr Wilson said.

"Europe's future is as a genuine family of nations, a confederal partnership voluntarily pooling their sovereignty to co-operate on a broad range of economic, social and environmental issues but retaining the power to protect their own economies and identities."

Mr Jay Smith, SNP Euro-candidate for the Lothians, said an independent Scotland would support measures to raise social provisions, guarantee workers' rights, improve education and training, and expand regional policy and transport links so that the peripheral areas could take full advantage of the single market in 1992.

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# BBC winning battle to keep night-time TV channels

By Richard Evans
Media Editor

The BBC is winning the battle to prevent the Government from handing over one of its television channels to new commercial broadcasters during the night.

Both Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, and Mr Timothy Renton, Minister of State at the Home Office, are understood to be privately sympathetic to backing off from the proposal contained in the broadcasting White Paper published last November.

The BBC has argued that the Government's plan is inconsistent with another White Paper demand that the corporation raises more money from subscription services beamed to viewers during night-hours (1am-6am).

Ending the BBC's right to broadcast during night hours on BBC1 or BBC2 would not only hamper plans to expand subscription services, but would deprive viewers of important broadcasting during the early hours — such as coverage of the Olympics.

The proposal to assign the night-hours of one of the BBC's channels to the Independent Television Commission, which would then offer them for competitive tenders to new broadcasters, upset Mr Marmaduke Hussey, BBC chairman.

However, after careful lobbying, the Home Office now accepts privately that there is no logic in the White paper proposal.

"We see the inconsistency of asking the BBC to become more commercial and make more money and yet take away some of their wherewithal to do that," one source said.

It is even said that the only reason the recommendation was included in the Government's broadcasting blueprint was because the BBC "lost" nothing in earlier drafts of the White Paper and this was thought to be unfair.

Similarly, the suggestion that the BBC licence fee should eventually be scrapped is acknowledged to be a "whim" of the Prime Minister.

Although the Home Office, and possibly the Department of Trade and Industry, is happy to exclude the night-hours proposal from the forthcoming Broadcasting Bill, it is far from certain that Mrs Thatcher and Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, will agree.

The issue could result in yet another dispute between ministerial factions. A possible compromise would be to delay the night-hours plan until the BBC charter comes up for renewal at the end of 1996.

If the the BBC is allowed to keep night-hours on both its television channels, it could substantially boost the corporation's coffers.

Mr Michael Checkland, director general, wants to launch a wide range of pay-as-you-view services during night-hours.

The BBC already beams a specialist medical service to doctors during night-hours and has been given the go-ahead to put out a similar service for business people.

But the biggest potential subscription market could flow from the development of high-definition television, which will offer greatly improved picture quality.

CHINA IN TURMOIL

# Personal ambitions bared by Peking power struggle

From Mary Dejevsky
Peking

According to an inside story going the rounds of intellectuals in Peking, the sequence of events which began with the funeral of Hu Yaobang, the Communist Party leader, in late April and ended in the declaration of martial law and military disaffection a month later, can be traced to a three-cornered power struggle between Mr Zhao Ziyang, the party's new General Secretary, Mr Li Peng, the Prime Minister, and Mr Yang Shangkun, the President.

The prize is – or was – political control of China after the death of Mr Deng Xiaoping, aged 84.

Although Mr Zhao and Mr Li have emerged as the chief protagonists in the contest for power, there had been few overt signs of personal rivalry before now, or of the 81-year-old President's personal interest in the subject. The past month's events, however, can be explained as a series of manoeuvres by an ambitious Prime Minister to win power which is not his by dint of character or personal qualities.

The saga begins in late April, when Mr Zhao set off on a visit to North Korea. The purpose of the visit, on the eve of the Sino-Soviet summit, was probably to reassure the North Koreans that improving Chinese relations with the Soviet Union would not be to the detriment of North Korea. But the visit also gave Mr Li his opportunity.

Within a day of Mr Zhao's departure, the Politburo met without him, heard a report from the Peking authorities about disruption in the city and agreed on a negative characterization of the student protests. Until then, the leadership had remained neutral.

Mr Li and President Yang then reported to Mr Deng about the Peking authorities' pessimistic assessment of social order in the capital and their assessment. The result was the April 26 editorial in the *People's Daily* which provoked further protests.

From then until the great student anniversary of May 4, the protests escalated. Students attracted support from many intellectuals in the capital.

On May 4 itself, there was a huge student demonstration. The same day, Mr Zhao – just back from North Korea – addressed the Asian Development Bank meeting in Peking. He included in the speech some conciliatory words about the student protests. At the time, this was interpreted as an attempt to calm the nerves of foreign investors, but it could equally have been a disapproving response to the treatment of the students by the Politburo during his absence.

At this point, Mr Zhao, it is said, was on the verge of persuading the students to abandon their protests and return to classes. The combination of the May 4 demonstration, which had passed off peacefully despite overwhelming the police, and Mr Zhao's conciliatory address, had mollified student leaders sufficiently for them to believe that compromises would be forthcoming.

But a settlement of the student dispute did not suit Mr Li, who the following day summoned leaders of the party organizations at Peking's eight big universities and told them that Mr Zhao's speech to the Asian Development Bank reflected his own personal opinion. He gave a similar briefing to Peking municipal officials. The education committee was told that the students could not be touched now, but could be later.

As a result of their briefings from Mr Li the authorities refused to talk to the students and in particular refused to deal with the newly founded unofficial student movement. This sparked off the hunger strike by 300 students wanting to safeguard the fate of their leaders.

Meanwhile, the Politburo was under orders to forget about the students and concentrate on preparations for the visit of President Gorbachov. A solution to the student problem, which had then been possible, was thus put off.

On May 14, the day before the Gorbachov visit, police action was considered, but it was decided politically misguided to attack unarmed students with armed police – and this was the only way it was judged that they could be evicted from the square.

The following day, President Gorbachov's programme had to be changed because of the student demonstration in Tiananmen Square. While this was a disgrace for China, it offered hope to Mr Li by demonstrating for all the world to see the disruptive nature of the student protests.

Unfortunately for him, the Chinese public viewed it differently, remaining favourably disposed towards the students for their discipline and steadfastness.

Mr Zhao repeatedly tried to visit the student leaders on the square, but was advised not to for security reasons. It was not until the night of May 19 that he arrived in person, accompanied by Mr Li, apologizing for coming "too late".

In a last-ditch attempt to save his job, Mr Zhao referred to Mr Deng during his meeting with President Gorbachov as still making the crucial decisions of state. While some saw this as clarification of Mr Deng's position for the benefit of a foreign leader, the students interpreted it as a message to them that Mr Deng, and not Mr Zhao, was responsible for the failure to reach a compromise.

Once the Gorbachov visit was over, Mr Li was able to make his bid for power, trying to discredit Mr Zhao over the disruption to the Soviet leader's programme and the national disgrace this entailed. Mr Zhao, however, declined to attend the Politburo meeting which drew this conclusion and planned for martial law.

He also refused to resign, thus preventing Mr Li from taking the general secretaryship immediately. If he wants that post, he will have to fight for it through the accepted mechanisms.

No one believes, however, that Mr Li would have been able to intrigue for the leadership alone, and it is speculated that his chief patron is President Yang, who last Saturday explained Mr Li's decision to bring troops into Peking.

While this account may exaggerate the element of personal ambition at work in Peking, it offers a plausible explanation for three developments: the failure of leaders and students to reach a compromise before the Gorbachov visit; Mr Zhao's words "I have come too late," and Mr Zhao's apparent resistance to relinquishing his post.

# Chaotic media finds ways to avoid censors

From Catherine Sampson, Peking

Just a week ago the media in China was enjoying its first taste of freedom. Now, with the imposition of martial law, it is once more subject to government censorship.

Uncowed, some journalists are finding ways to get round this. Diverse opinions are being printed and broadcast, and the chaos in the media reflects power struggles at the highest levels of government.

Even the *People's Daily*, where the Army is now ensconced, has managed to make pointed comments on martial law through foreign news items. Comments by the Hungarian Prime Minister seemed an unlikely choice for the front page until one read that he had "told military officials that the most hated characteristic of the former Soviet leader Josef Stalin's style was to use the country's military forces to deal with its own people".

The paper also reported that 95 United States senators were to make public details of their property and income. Students want China's top leaders do likewise as an anti-corruption measure.

Yesterday the *People's Daily* led with a speech by Mr Wan Li, the chairman of the National People's Congress standing committee. Speaking in Canada, he said that the student movement should be supported. A reformer, he is widely seen as the only man who can piece together China's tattered political scene.

The *Liberation Army Daily* used language as hard line as that of Mr Li Peng, the Prime Minister, in condemning the demonstrations. But *Health News*, a day after the imposition of martial law, carried front-page stories about the heroes of the hunger strike.

On television, some announcers have been racing and stumbling through official martial law announcements. However, great play has been made of the friendly relationship developing between soldiers and students. Pictures have been shown of students and workers offering refreshments to smiling troops.

It is not clear who is controlling the media now. The main television and radio stations are supposedly run by the Army. But diametrically opposing views of the situation in Peking are being broadcast.

Disruption of supplies and communications means that the Army has to restore order, runs one line of reporting. But then there are long items reporting that Peking is calming down. Indeed, said one radio report yesterday, the only things which frighten the people are the helicopters which noisily hover scattering pro-Li Peng leaflets.

● **Taxi protest:** More than 2,000 taxis and 10,000 protesters in Hong Kong showed their support for the pro-democracy demonstrators in China by taking turns yesterday to block roads outside the offices of the New China News Agency, Peking's *de facto* embassy (Our Foreign Staff writes).

Also yesterday, the colony's Governor, Sir David Wilson, issued a thinly veiled warning to China, which resumes sovereignty here in 1997, about its handling of the unrest.

In nearby Macao, on the Chinese mainland, about 50,000 people took to the streets yesterday to support the students and oppose martial law in the Portuguese enclave's largest-ever demonstration. The protesters, many of them also students, marched through the city from the ruins of St Paul's Church and later held a mass rally at a playground on the waterfront.

Chinese men and women students also marched through the streets of Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh, yesterday to show solidarity with their colleagues at home.

Bespattered Mao: The huge portrait of Chairman Mao – which hangs on the Gate of Heavenly Peace in Peking – defaced, left, by mysterious splashes of paint, for which students denied responsibility, is being hurriedly draped, right, by workmen.

# Secret crisis of 'suicide student'

From Catherine Sampson
Peking

Mrs Liu Meihua, aged 26, a 5ft tall post-graduate student of public relations who wears a rope of sea pearls around her neck, is the leader of the students' "suicide squad" in Tiananmen Square.

She is one of only six women in the squad of more than a thousand members. Their duty is to protect, until death, the student leaders – "Chairman Mao says that a single spark can start a prairie fire. The leaders are our spark, so if we lose this time we have to keep the spark alive."

The suicide squad was formed on May 20 after the declaration of martial law. Mrs Liu has been its leader ever since.

Mrs Liu's father is in the Army and her parents, who live in Peking, know she is involved in the student movement and are upset she has not been home for so long. They do not know she is in the suicide squad. Exhausted and emotional, she breaks down and sobs as she says she cannot bear to tell them.

This, however, is the least of her problems – she is two months pregnant and becoming weaker every day. She has not eaten or slept properly for five days and says that when she eats she just feels sick.

Her hands are cold, her running shoes and padded navy corduroy coat soaked through with the day's torrential rain. When someone offers her extra woollen clothing, she suggests offering it to someone else.

She has told no one about her pregnancy – a fellow student who overhears her speak about it is sworn to secrecy. Her personal crisis has been subsumed by the crisis facing Peking. Students constantly ask for organizational advice. She responds quickly, always reaching out a hand to touch the student's shoulder or arm in reassurance.

# Rumours run riot among capital's protesters

From Nicholas Kristof, Peking

Of all the rumours that have swept Peking in the past week perhaps the most astonishing was that in a nefarious attempt to kill demonstrators, the Chinese Government had electrified the metal grates over the city's subways.

Students carefully walked around the grates for a day or two, until they saw that others were walking over them with impunity.

Then the rumoured danger was that the Army planned to drop paratroopers into Tiananmen Square to deal with the students, and demonstrators carefully searched the skies for this new threat from above.

Perhaps it is inevitable that with the newspapers and television stations carefully avoiding the real events, people should rely on rumours. In any case, some of the rumours are so unfavourable to the Government – but repeated with such absolute conviction – that the authorities may be worse off with the rumour mill than with an independent press.

"Did you hear?" a businessman asked the other day. "Deng Xiaoping is going to retire in the United States. He's got a lot of money there."

One of Monday's rumours said that American bank accounts of Mr Deng's eldest son, Mr Deng Pufang, had been frozen by US banking officials.

Some of the rumours begin accurately, but get better each time they are handed on. One rumour started out that Mr Deng, China's senior leader, had declared that it was worthwhile to bring out 150,000 troops in the capital if that would bring China 20 years of stability. That may or may not have been true, but at least it was plausible. Unfortunately for Mr Deng, a somewhat embellished version was the one that stuck. It quoted him as saying that to achieve 20 years of stability, it was worth killing 200,000 students.

It is easy to see how rumours start in Peking. Throughout the capital, neighbourhood residents have taken charge of local intersections. The people stay up all night, passing the time by exchanging increasingly implausible rumours. Most of the corner-watchers are people who live nearby, but a few are sent by the students' central organizing committee to make sure that all intersections are covered.

The main strategy, if the troops come, is to block their path with people and obstructions and speak to the soldiers and try to convince them not to attack their countrymen. The students' latest concern is that the Government will use soldiers from remote areas because they speak different languages and may be unable to understand the students' pleas.

The student organizing committee now sends members of minority nationalities to all the main roads where it expects troops may arrive.

Another tactic has been adopted by the "kamikaze" group of workers who roam around the capital all night looking for invading army convoys to bring to a halt. Many of the "kamikazes" now carry knives, so that they can puncture truck tyres, and they often travel with their wives or girlfriends. The idea is that the woman will distract the soldiers while the man slashes the tyres.

(New York Times)

WORLD ROUNDUP

## Khomeini 'fine' after operation

Ayatollah Khomeini, Iran's 86-year-old leader, had an emergency operation yesterday morning for internal bleeding in the digestive tract, according to an announcement by his private office in the hills north of the Iranian capital (Hazhir Teimourian writes).

Tehran Radio led its main afternoon bulletin with the item, adding that "by the grace of God, the operation was successful" and that his state was "completely satisfactory".

In an interview with the radio and television the Ayatollah's son, Ahmad, said the operation had been carried out with his father's consent "after blood was seen in his digestive system".

## Bonn President again

President von Weizsäcker, left, has been re-elected by a huge majority of the Federal Convention of parliamentarians for another five years (Ian Murray writes from Bonn). He was the choice of 881 of the 1,022 members of this electoral college, supported by all the main parties. Appropriately, for a man who has specialised in making Germans face up to their past in order to build for the future, the ceremony fell on the 40th anniversary of the modern state.

## No deal yet in Nato

The bitter divisions between Washington, London and Bonn over whether Nato should negotiate with the Warsaw Pact to reduce the number of short-range nuclear missiles in Europe are now likely to remain, diplomatic sources said yesterday, until the heads of government meet at the summit in Brussels next Monday (Michael Evans writes). Optimism in Bonn that a compromise was on the cards appeared premature, partly because of Mrs Thatcher's refusal to agree at this stage even to the principle of negotiation, but also because the Americans oppose the term "compromise".

## Polish students rebel

Warsaw (Reuter) – Polish students fought police in central Warsaw yesterday after a court refused to legalize their independent pro-Solidarity union. About 20 protesters were detained and some were seen being beaten with batons and kicked in the stomach inside police vans. Earlier students, packing the biggest hall in the Warsaw regional court, chanted "Away with communism" when Judge Danuta Widawska announced her refusal to accept the union's statutes and register the union as a legal association.

## More tanker charges

New York – Mr Joseph Hazelwood, the captain of the Exxon Valdez accused of being drunk in charge of the tanker, was indicted in Alaska on Monday on three new counts of criminal mischief, arising out of the accident that caused the largest oil spill in US history (James Bone writes). Each carries a maximum sentence of five years' imprisonment and a $50,000 (£32,000) fine.

## Body clock runs slow

New York – Miss Stefania Follini, aged 27, an Italian interior designer, prepared to emerge from a New Mexico cave yesterday after learning that she had been living in a time warp (James Bone writes). As an experiment into the effects of long-term isolation, she lived in total darkness in a Plexiglas cubicle in Lost Cave for four months. Asked the date yesterday, she unhesitatingly gave it as March 14.

# Shamir rejects British pressure to talk to PLO

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister of Israel, struck a conciliatory note yesterday on three key issues raised by Britain on his Government's Middle East peace plan. But he rejected Britain's most important suggestion, that he should drop his refusal to talk to the Palestine Liberation Organization.

In his talks with Mrs Thatcher on Monday and with Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr William Waldegrave, Minister of State, yesterday, the British called on his Government to accept the principle of an exchange of territory for peace.

Mr Shamir made it clear at a press conference yesterday that such an arrangement has not been ruled out, although he and his Likud party are known to oppose it.

When asked for his reaction to the British pressure, he said that at present it was a "theoretical formula" in that the question would not arise until the second stage of the plan. This envisages talks between Jerusalem and elected Palestinians representing the West Bank and Gaza.

But he said that when the time came all parties to the talks would be free to raise any proposal, and these would be sure to include ideas based on land for peace. "I cannot say now what will be the outcome for a permanent solution. I say only that any party will be entitled to raise anything."

Mr Shamir gave assurances that those elected in the first phase would not be barred from the talks because of sympathies with the PLO, unless they had criminal records.

He hinted that Jerusalem might relent in its strong opposition to international supervision of the elections, a point raised by Mrs Thatcher. While describing this as only a "detail", Mr Shamir added: "Maybe it will be discussed if the Arab party (meaning the Palestinians) will have accepted the Israeli peace initiative," he said.

The plan has been rejected by the PLO, but Israel does not accept this as final and hopes that support from Britain, the US and other countries will bring pressure on Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, to change his attitude.

Mr Shamir gave no ground at all to British pressure to open talks with the PLO. He implies that Mrs Thatcher had not pressed the point, by saying: "We have discussed our attitudes towards the PLO but I cannot say that Mrs Thatcher asked us to change our view." British sources said, however, that the Government's view had been made clear.

His tone was tough and uncompromising on the PLO's motives and intentions. "We know they say they renounce terrorism, but it is not true. They continue it. They say now their goal is not the destruction of Israel, but they still explain ... that there is no change in the philosophy and the aims of the PLO.

"The PLO is not interested in any peace with us; what they want is to establish immediately a PLO state in the area ..."

He said a Palestinian state would become "another Lebanon" in that it would attract large numbers of Arab refugees. "So this will become immediately a base for a bitter aggression directed against the state of Israel. There will be an accumulation of many sophisticated and dangerous arms, all of them directed against the state of Israel."

He predicted that the PLO would try to use the Palestinian minority living in Israel (as opposed to the West Bank and Gaza) as a "fifth column". Their role would be to seek their integration into the new Palestinian state.

Asked why these views should prevent him talking to the PLO he said: "For the simple reason that by sitting down with the PLO we will recognize their right to be partners in negotiations about peace and we will legitimize their demands; and we don't want to give them this gift."

Mr Shamir expressed satisfaction with the attitudes of the British and US governments. He said Mrs Thatcher had accepted the principles of the plan while underlining details. British sources said, however, that the Government had welcomed it but felt it did not go far enough.

# Violence swelling to fever pitch in divided Hebron

From Richard Owen, Hebron
Occupied West Bank

We stared at our car in disbelief. Parked in the centre of Hebron, it was now a shattered mess. Inside, amid the debris and broken glass, lay three large stones and a broken broom handle. The car had had a *keffiyah* (Arab headdress) displayed in the front, and Press signs in Arabic. But it had Israeli number plates, and that apparently was enough.

Arabs crowded round the wreckage, offering sympathy and coffee in tiny china cups. "You cannot refuse," a shopkeeper said. "They will think you are angry with the Arabs of Hebron." He gestured at the street urchins, the raw material of the *intifada*. They stared back.

A four-vehicle Israeli Army patrol screeched to a halt. "Now you understand what we face," a sergeant said, surveying the damage unsympathetically. The Arab shopkeeper spat on the pavement. "It was the Jews who did this," he said defiantly. "The settlers."

The peace initiative launched by Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, is running a race against time, as diplomatic manoeuvring is outpaced by both Arab violence and a new Jewish backlash against Palestinian stone-throwing, nicknamed the "antifada".

In Hebron, holy to both Muslims and Jews, violence has reached fever pitch. "Any minute now we are going up in flames," said Mr Naom Arnon, director of the Hebron Institute of Judaism and the settlers' spokesman.

The settlers' patience has snapped over what they see as the Israeli Army's failure to protect them. In addition, Mr Shamir's peace plan has aroused deep fears that it will lead to an Israeli withdrawal, leaving the 70,000 West Bank settlers vulnerable to Arab violence.

Hebron is the only West Bank town in which Arabs live alongside a sizeable concentration of Jews. There are 5,000 Jewish settlers in Kiryat Arba, a leafy campus-like sprawl above the old town. There are also 400 Jews in the heart of Hebron, next to the kasbah, in buildings which have long-standing Jewish associations but which the Arabs see as a provocation.

The settlers have set up a computer centre which records the spiral of hatred: 750 seperate incidents in the past six weeks involving attacks on Jewish cars and houses. One settlers' leader, Rabbi Yehiel Laiter, aged 29, was ambushed last week while on night patrol with his vigilante group in an Arab district. He was struck in the back by a stone and knocked forward on to his gun, shooting himself in the leg.

I walked in the heat up the steep, dusty hill to Rabbi Laiter's home accompanied by a settler armed with a machine-gun and a walkie-talkie. As an afterthought, he thrust a hunting knife into his belt.

Rabbi Laiter speaks of the Jewish presence in Hebron in the thirteenth century as if it were yesterday. But for an analogy with current attempts to make the settlers leave the West Bank, he draws on more recent history: "They cannot make Hebron *Judenrein*. The Arabs understand we will not take their attacks lying down."

He predicted that Mr Shamir would end up trading land for peace. "But we will fight him. We will never be driven out of here ..."

In the rundown Arab district on the opposite hill, the settlers' militancy is matched by a corresponding Arab determination to get them out.

Ahmed, aged 25, said simply: "The Jews have stolen our land."

Does the Shamir plan offer a way out? "The Hebron Governor called us in the other day and asked us to support the election plan," Ahmed said. "I told him elections mean democracy, which means ending the occupation first. He threw us out."

If the Shamir plan was not amended, he suggested, the *intifada* would get worse. How much worse?

"There was a shoot-out near Hebron last week in which Palestinians used guns and an Israeli soldier died," Ahmed said pointedly.

# Wright fights for political life as hearings begin

From Charles Bremner, Washington

As congressional Republicans watched gleefully from the sidelines, the misconduct case against Mr Jim Wright, the House Speaker, yesterday went before a televised hearing that will prove critical for his political survival.

Lawyers for Mr Wright, the most powerful man in Congress and the second-in-line to the presidency, argued before the ethics committee that it should drop the most serious allegations of financial impropriety against him. Mr Wright faces 69 charges of breaking congressional rules governing gifts of money.

No case of such gravity has been brought against a speaker before. Mr Wright's tribulations, however technical, are being seen by the public as a evidence that Capitol Hill, long dominated by the Democrats, is as subject to corruption as the executive branch which the Democrats have lately been hounding for its "sleaze".

The Democrats have held the majority in Congress for the past 34 years, and they enjoy a security of tenure – 98 percent are re-elected – that not even the Supreme Soviet can now match.

For the House Democrats, the hearing marked a new phase in a political agony that has effectively paralysed the normal workings of Congress for much of this year. On top of the formal charges, a deluge of other allegations have been heaped on Mr Wright following investigations by newspapers and by tax inspectors.

and many Democrats are privately praying that he will resign soon.

With the spotlight now shining on the personal finances of congressmen, the Wright affair has contaminated others, including Mr Tony Coelho, the Whip and Number 3 man in the House.

The *Washington Post* claims to have found evidence of illicit dealing involving $100,000 (£63,000) worth of the financial instrument known as "junk bonds". No whiff of any misconduct attaches to Mr Tom Foley, the veteran Congressman from Washington state and Number 2 in the House, who is almost certain to succeed Mr Wright, should he step down.

Though they are publicly standing behind him, Mr Wright has been told by senior Democratic colleagues that unless he knocks down two of the most critical charges against him in the hearings

Mr Wright: Democrats pray for his resignation.

this week, he must step down as their leader.

Even his lawyers are reported to have told him that he would be wise to contemplate resignation if the charges advance to the next stage – a full, trial-like hearing before the ethics panel.

The lawyers want the committee to drop its charge that a Texas businessman who gave a job and free use of a Cadillac car to Mrs Wright and the free use of a flat to her and her husband, had a direct interest in legislation. The second request challenges the charge that the Speaker used a fraudulent scheme involving book sales to sidestep a limit on outside income.

Mr Wright, a fiercely proud man, has vowed to fight to the last, a thought that makes many colleagues squeamish.

The Republicans, led in their anti-Wright campaign by the crusading Mr Newt Gingrich, the Republican Whip, have been surveying the Democratic debacle with little public comment. As Mr Lee Atwater, the national chairman, put it this week: "There comes a time in politics when the best thing to do is follow the Napoleonic maxim: 'Never interfere with the enemy while he's in the process of destroying himself.' "

Mr Gingrich likes to compare the House Democrats to some of the most criminally corrupt and incompetent gangs in history. His slash-and-burn tactics, however, leave some of his fellow party members a little uneasy, given the propensity of members on both sides to indulge in financial practices that might not be readily understood by the general public.

Mr Wright complains bitterly in private that he has been singled out unfairly for activities that are widespread, not illegal and which are pale in comparison with the ways of many congressmen in times now past.

With the heat on these old traditions, the media this week lept on the annual "disclosure" statements by congressmen. For example, the 435 members of Congress were paid a total of nearly $6 million in speaking fees last year, keeping nearly $5 million for personal use and giving the rest to charity. House rules set a limit to the amount of "honoraria", or fees, that a member may receive. This amounts to one-third of a congressman's salary, or about $30,000.

The disclosures showed that Mr Wright was one of the less wealthy among his brethren of senior congressmen, but they did reveal that for the first time in many years he had been able to repay some heavy debts. More than 200 congressmen have now gone on record supporting a ban on such honoraria, though such a move is usually linked to a rise in congressional pay.

The Wright panel is expected to announce its decision in response to the Speaker's request for dismissal of the charges within the next few days.

# Riot widows demand homes

An angry Sikh woman, one of some 500 widowed in the riots that followed the assassination of Indira Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, shouting her demands outside the residence of her son, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister, in Delhi yesterday. The protesters claim they were driven out of their homes by the 1984 riots, and have still not been adequately rehoused. They also demanded the prosecution of the men behind the riots.

# 1,700 knocked out by gas leak

**Karachi** – More than 1,700 people, including 850 pupils, most of them girls, became unconscious after ammonia gas leaked from an ice factory in Hyderabad (Zahid Hussain writes). Forty of the girl pupils are in a serious condition in intensive care.

The gas apparently escaped after an explosion. The pupils of an adjacent school were worst affected, and many of them were injured in an ensuing stampede.

## Retrial delay

**Athens (AP)** – The Supreme Court here has postponed a decision on ordering a new trial for Nikos Moundis, a former prison warden, convicted of raping and strangling Ann Chapman, a British journalist aged 25, in 1971.

## Live-in law

**San Francisco (AP)** – Legislators here have approved the first US law allowing live-in lovers publicly to register their partnerships.

## Axe protest

**Mbabane (Reuter)** – The axe-killings of an elderly British couple, Angus and Phyllis Buchan, have provoked housewives in the Swazi town of Manzini to march to the police station demanding more security.

## Political arson

**Johannesburg (AP)** – A crowd set fire to a home in a black township in Natal province, killing a man and woman and seriously burning two other people, to bring the death toll in political violence since 1986 to at least 2,000.

## Pilot killed

**De Kalb (Reuter)** – Karen Ulane, aged 48, a pilot who sued an airline, claiming she was sacked because of a sex-change operation, was killed with two other crew members near this Illinois town when their vintage DC3 crashed.

## Family flees

**Bad Bramstedt (Reuter)** – An East German couple and their child, aged six, crossed the Baltic Sea by night in a rubber boat to reach the West German coast near here.

## Tamer shot

**Lisbon (AFP)** – Paquito Cardinal, aged 36, the leading Portuguese lion tamer, was fatally shot during a circus performance by a gatecrasher trying to gain admission without paying.

### Kathmandu counts cost of flexing its muscles against Delhi

# Nepal offers talks in effort to end cold war with India

From Coomi Kapoor, Delhi

Nepal is willing to discuss with India not just the disputed trade and transport treaties which are the ostensible reason for the cold war between the two countries, but also to reopen the 1950 special peace and friendship treaty with Delhi, Mr Shailendra Kumar Upadhayaya, the Foreign Minister, said.

This seems a climbdown from Mr Upadhayaya's earlier insistence that talks could not be resumed until a congenial climate had been restored and India had stopped pressure tactics.

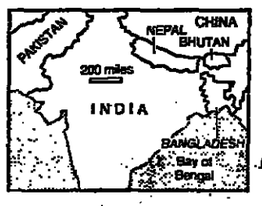
But India has yet to react positively to Nepal's latest offer and is in no hurry to make concessions to help King Birendra of Nepal save face. India is upset over Nepal's efforts to internationalize what it considers a bilateral issue and to portray India as a big bully.

The Indian Government's view is that Nepal has been "illogical, inaccurate, irrational and misleading" in the dispute. Privately, Indian diplomats claim that Nepalese officials have no clear instructions from the King and are themselves confused.

The tiny landlocked Himalayan kingdom has discovered that flexing its muscles against its giant neighbour is a costly experience. India may not have effected an economic blockade as alleged by Nepal, but it has made life extremely difficult. Nepal is dependent on India for several essential commodities, particularly petroleum and its derivatives. After the trade and transit treaties between the two countries expired on March 23, India simply cut down the number of transit points on the border from 15 to two, and did not enter into fresh trade agreements.

Nepal talked brashly of making alternative arrangements for supplies, but this is easier said than done. Nepal's only other neighbour, China, is unable to help as goods have to cross the harsh and sparsely populated terrain of Tibet.

Nepal's already fragile economy has been severely crippled. The tourist industry, Nepal's main source of revenue, is in a shambles. The usual hordes of summer visitors from India who come for the cool weather, the mountains and the casinos are




missing. Even the best hotels in Kathmandu have power cuts and suffer from shortages of cooking oil and fuel.

Because of severe petrol rationing, hotels ask guests to make their own arrangements to go to the airport. Senior officials in Kathmandu have abandoned their cars for bicycles. Roadside snack bars serve meals only once a day for lack of fuel.

The Nepalese press is filled with anti-Indian stories and also grumbles about deforestation because of the increased demand for fuel.

With heightened anti-Indian feelings in Nepal, the 150,000 Indians there live in trepidation. Several Indian shopkeepers have closed their shutters and there are frequent complaints of harassment of Indian teachers there.

While at present the Nepalese anger is directed at India, the Indian Government is perhaps hoping that if the impasse continues public resentment will turn against the monarchy. Last month an anti-Indian demonstration turned spontaneously anti-monarchy. King Birendra, by maintaining an enigmatic silence has hardly helped inspire confidence.

Many Nepalese speculate that the hostility between the two countries has escalated because of the bad relations between their King and the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi.

India has been anxious to restore democracy in Nepal since King Birendra's father, King Mahendra, in 1960 arrested the Prime Minister and his Cabinet and banned political parties.

On Saturday the Indian press reported on front pages the arrest in Kathmandu of Mr Rishikesh Shaha, a former Foreign Minister and a human rights activist who was held for subversion and issuing anti-national statements during a visit to India.

Mr Shaha was released on bail but some half a dozen journalists are still in prison because they questioned the official standpoint on the controversy with India.

Delhi's attitude has been criticized by sections of the Indian press and some MPs from Mr Gandhi's party have questioned the need for prolonging the confrontation.

# Communists withdraw backing for Papandreou

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Socialist Prime Minister of Greece, who is counting on Communist support to cling to power after the June 18 elections, even if his conservative opponents beat him, has had the rug pulled from under his feet.

A declaration by the Alliance, a grouping of communist, Euro-communist and dissident socialists, made it clear yesterday that there would be no co-operation with the Socialists under their present leadership after the elections. The Alliance is likely to hold the balance of power in the case of a hung Parliament.

A morbid confluence of financial scandals, ill-health and an unconventional life-style by Mr Papandreou in recent months, has heavily eroded the popularity of Pasok, his Socialist Party, which has been in power for the past eight years.

There is now a growing demand for a thorough house-cleaning – the Greeks call it "catharsis" – after the scandal and official corruption that poses a threat to the very fabric of Greek society.

More than 150 Greek authors, scholars and artists, regarded as the cream of contemporary Greek intellect and culture, in a declaration deploring the degradation of social and moral values, condemned those responsible for the scandals because of the "humiliating inurement of the Greek people" to the "heavy atmosphere of scandal and rot".

Mr Papandreou, in an attempt to shed the blame for these developments, last week had Pasok's Central Committee evict Mr Agamemnon Koutsoyiorgas from the party, his once-powerful second-in-command, who faces accusations of accepting a $2 million (£1.3 million) bribe in the Bank of Crete scandal. Yet the "sacrifice of Agamemnon", as it has come to be known, was inadequate to placate the critics.

Both the conservative New Democracy, the main opposition party that opinion polls tip as the winner of the next elections, and the Communist-led Alliance, are now committed to "catharsis". Mr Constantine Mitsotakis, the conservative leader, vowed in his campaign speeches that "the thieves will be jailed however high they may stand".

However, the new voting system introduced by the Socialist majority last month, makes it exceedingly difficult for any party to muster an absolute majority of 151 in the 300-seat new Parliament, with less than 46 per cent of the total vote.

Mr Mitsotakis stated that if his party failed to win a working majority, he would call for new elections. A coalition between New Democracy and the Alliance seems to be ruled out by diametrically opposed platforms.

Mr Papandreou hoped that, in case of a tie, even if Pasok ran second, it could still form a coalition government with the Alliance or with its vote of tolerance. He seemed confident that the Communists would not lose another chance to participate in government. The last time was 45 years ago in a government headed by Mr Papandreou's father. It fell with the outbreak of the Civil War in 1944.

The Prime Minister may even have drawn encouragement from a weekend statement by Mr Harilaos Florakis, the secretary-general of the Communist Party, that his party's attitude would be defined after the June 18 election. This contrasted with pledges by other Alliance leaders that a coalition with Mr Papandreou, whom they hold responsible for the scandals, was out of the question.

The outcry that greeted Mr Florakis's statement prompted a meeting of the political committee of the Alliance and a "unanimous" pledge that the group would support a government committed to "catharsis" through impeccable judicial procedures. It said: "It is clear that in such government there is no room for those whose names became implicated in the scandals, whether because of penal reasons or of paramount political responsibility."

If the Alliance adheres to this pledge, the choice for the Socialists, in the case of a hung Parliament, would be either to oust Mr Papandreou and his entourage in order to form a coalition with the Communists, or face new elections and a probable debacle.

● Marriage tie: After a deal with his American-born wife of 38 years, Mr Papandreou, is racing against time to legitimize by wedlock his celebrated liaison with Mrs Dimitra Liani, the former airline stewardess, before the June 18 elections.

His new petition for divorce, invoking a four-year separation with the estranged mother of his four children, was heard before the Athens Court of First Instance yesterday. If uncontested, the decree should be published on June 7, giving the septuagenarian leader 11 days to polling day for a wedding that would silence criticism that he has been living in sin.

### The Recruit scandal

# Tokyo contains political fall-out

From Brian Robins, Tokyo

With the interim report of the prosecutor's investigation into the Recruit Cosmos scandal to be presented to the Diet tomorrow, it is clear that the political fall-out has been contained.

At this stage it is unlikely that more politicians will be charged over their involvement in the scandal, following the laying of formal charges earlier this week against Mr Takao Fujinami, the former Chief Cabinet Secretary, and Mr Katsuya Ikeda, an opposition party member. No additional politicians have been summoned for questioning by the public prosecutors.

In total, 17 politicians have been linked to the scandal, allegedly receiving stock in Cosmos before its public listing and selling subsequently, earning a vast profit in the process. Apart from the formal charges laid against Mr Fujinami and Mr Ikeda, all others formally charged are either former bureaucrats or officials with the Recruit group of companies.

The difficulty for the prosecutors was proving that the politicians in question actually received funds directly from Recruit or Recruit Cosmos, and that these beneficiaries actually sought to change government policies in a manner beneficial to the private companies involved.

In Japan, senior politicians usually do not directly receive funds from supporters, but rather the funds are channelled through their private secretaries. Although this is only a notional difference, it has proved sufficient to block the prosecutors from charging many other politicians who have been implicated.

Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the former Prime Minister, for example, allegedly received 29,000 shares in Cosmos, more than any politician, but the shares were actually registered in the name of an aide.

The Recruit scandal has been the most serious to confront the Japanese Government in the postwar period, exposing corruption on a scale often rumoured, but rarely documented.

The Government has been forced to implement strict controls to avoid a recurrence of similar scandals. But apart from the severe erosion of confidence in the Government, the scandal may post longer-term difficulties.

With the growing electoral imbalance in Japan, the Government has been conscious of the need to broaden its electoral base in the big cities.

At the same time, as a result of international pressure to force open Japan's doors to more agricultural imports, the Government's bulwark of rural support has been upset.

Mr Nakasone: Facing MP's questions tomorrow.

Even though the public prosector's investigation is all but at a halt, Mr Nakasone remains the primary focus of attention. After resisting attempts to force him to give evidence to the Diet, last week he capitulated and agreed to subject himself to questioning.

The next focus of attention will be tomorrow's Diet session, when opposition parties are expected to question Mr Nakasone. The secretary-general of the Social Party, Mr Tsuruo Yamaguchi said: "Fujinami's indictment showed anew that the Recruit scandal is a structural scandal reaching to the very core of the former Nakasone Government."

# France drawn into peace role at Dakar summit

From Susan MacDonald, Paris

President Mitterrand arrives in the Senegalese capital, Dakar, today for the opening of the francophone summit, only too aware that the danger of war between Senegal and her northern neighbour, Mauritania, has never seemed so real.

Last month's bloody clashes left hundreds dead and thousands homeless in both countries. An attempt by President Moussa Traore of Mali, the current chairman of the Organization of African Unity, to calm the official war of words which grew out of the clashes, failed last week.

Hopes of an early peaceful settlement were finally dashed yesterday as Mauritania announced the urgent recall of Mr Mohamed Mokhtar Ould Zamel, its Ambassador in Dakar.

His departure implicates France directly in this steadily deteriorating situation. It was he who was supposed to represent his country at the francophone summit. Observers in Dakar feel that Senegal is unlikely to take retaliatory action until after the summit ends on Friday, but after that, anything is possible.

France must now have serious reservations about its previous insistence that the summit – a yearly gathering of French-speaking nations hosted by France – must go ahead as a mark of support for President Abdou Diouf of Senegal. The empty Mauritanian chair over the next four days accuses France of taking sides.

President Mitterrand is bound to be drawn even further into trying to prevent the tension between these two former French colonies reaching a point of no return.

French officials are relieved that the summit is being held in the well-protected Club Méditerranée holiday village overlooking the sea, well away from the centre of Dakar.

The opening ceremony, however, is scheduled for the International Trade Centre near the airport, where, until three weeks ago, thousands of Mauritanians, fleeing Senegalese mob violence, were kept in unsanitary conditions under police protection, before being repatriated.

The traditions of tolerance, fair play and humour, which have made Senegal an example to other African countries, seem to have disappeared overnight as the free official press in Dakar has mounted a campaign of abuse against the Moorish population in Mauritania, bringing out all the latent racist divisions between Arab north Africa and sub-Saharan black Africa.

There is a danger that other African countries will begin to take sides. The Gabonese Ambassador in the Mauritanian capital, Nouakchott, has left the country after accusing Mauritania – which straddles the Arab-black African divide – of carrying out a deliberately racist policy against its black African population.

An old hobby-horse of President Mobutu of Zaire, to create a League of Black African States like the Arab League, is suddenly being given a new airing in Dakar, where previously there was scant interest.

# Café René opening up for 'Allo 'Allo à la française

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

On a sweltering day beside the Seine in the heart of Paris, the proprietor of the Café René is practising his distinctive brand of French gobbledegook on a table full of bemused tourists.

His formidable but screech-voiced wife, Edith, hovers near by, more or less bursting out of a tight ensemble for the benefit of a gaggle of eager photographers who wish her to pose coquettishly on hubbie's knee, flourish a bottle of red wine and generally ham it up *à la française*.

In other words, the BBC's hit series, *'Allo 'Allo*, was in town, the show that gives you comic Froggies, daft Gestapo men and exceedingly silly Brits in equal measure against a background of the Second World War and a relentless barrage of *oh là là*.

From July 1, it will be going out daily for 40 consecutive days on France's enterprising Canal Plus commercial channel, duly dubbed and marginally adjusted to accomodate the Gallic sense of humour.

For the purposes of the exercise, the voice of the feckless Monsieur René Artois, alias Gordon Kaye, will be dubbed by a distinguished French actor.

Wisely, he does not attempt to produce the equivalent of the manic proprietor's strangled vowel.

Originally, Kaye had reservations about this dubbing on of "real" French voices, fearing that the extraordinary comic appeal of *'Allo 'Allo* – which now reaches some 28 countries outside Britain – might undermine the show's bedrock of linguistic mix-ups, *doubles entendres* and bluish jokes.

As it happens, the "voice of René", a talented French actor called Pierre Tournade, fits the role admirably.

The two not only share a sense of humour that survives the Channel crossing (rare enough) they even sport similarly implausible, though perfectly genuine, moustaches.

According to M Tournade, René is *un type vraiment français* – a real French character. "Perhaps he should have a few more stains on his apron, but I feel the audience will recognize him as somebody they know."

As for the risk of upsetting viewers by depicting the French Resistance as a bunch of bumblers: "Well, we'll probably offend some people, those who consider the Resistance above such things.

"But if you only do what's safe, who would watch it? Don't forget, everyone in *Allo Allo* comes out looking pretty stupid."

Certainly most of the French journalists tucking into an excellent lunch at the Brasserie du Pont Louis-Philippe (definitely no connection) thought the series deserved to succeed.

"We don't laugh at ourselves enough," said one young woman as a parade of accordion-playing, frog-leg eating, onion-festooned characters made their way across the nearby TV screen.

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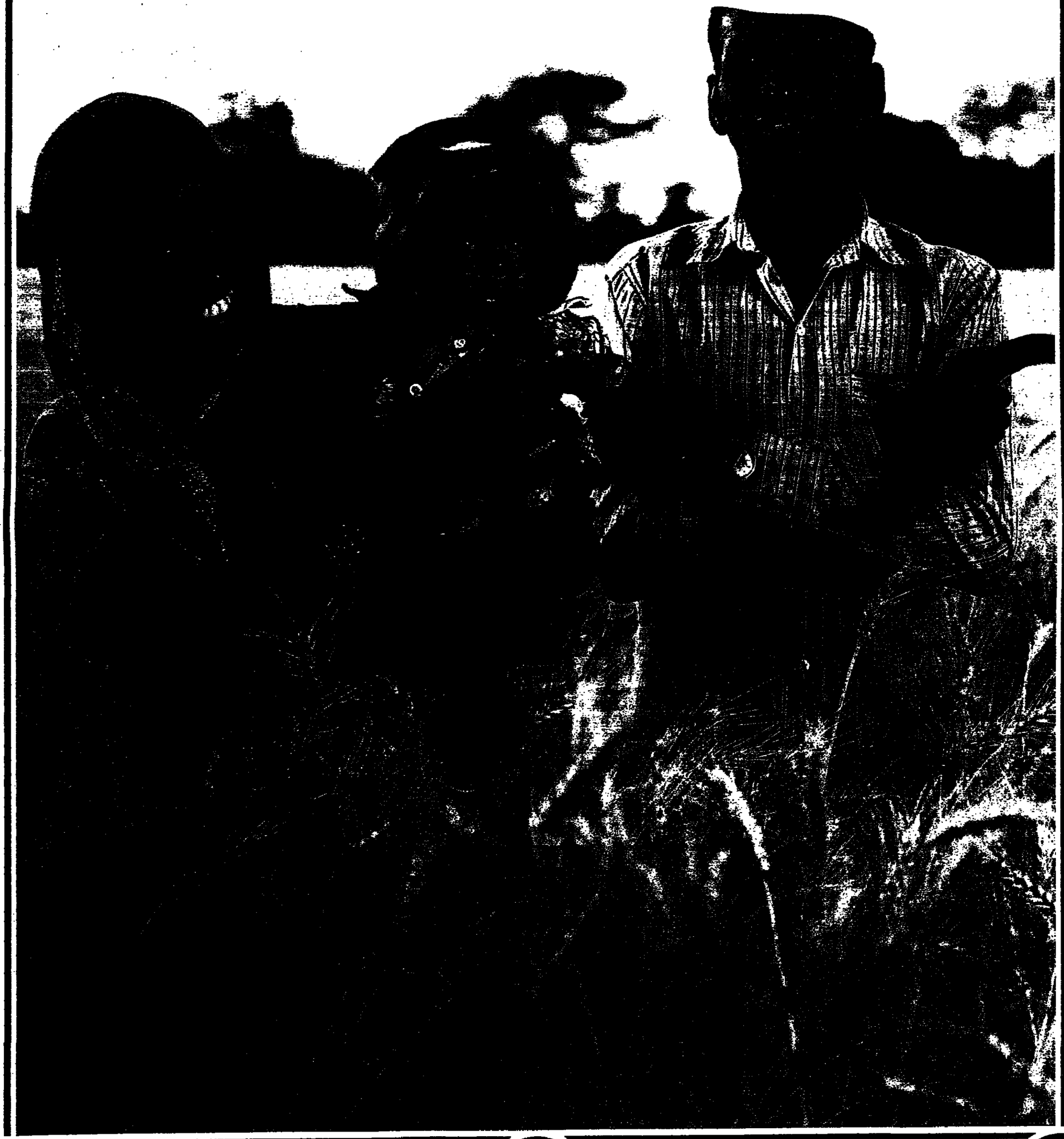

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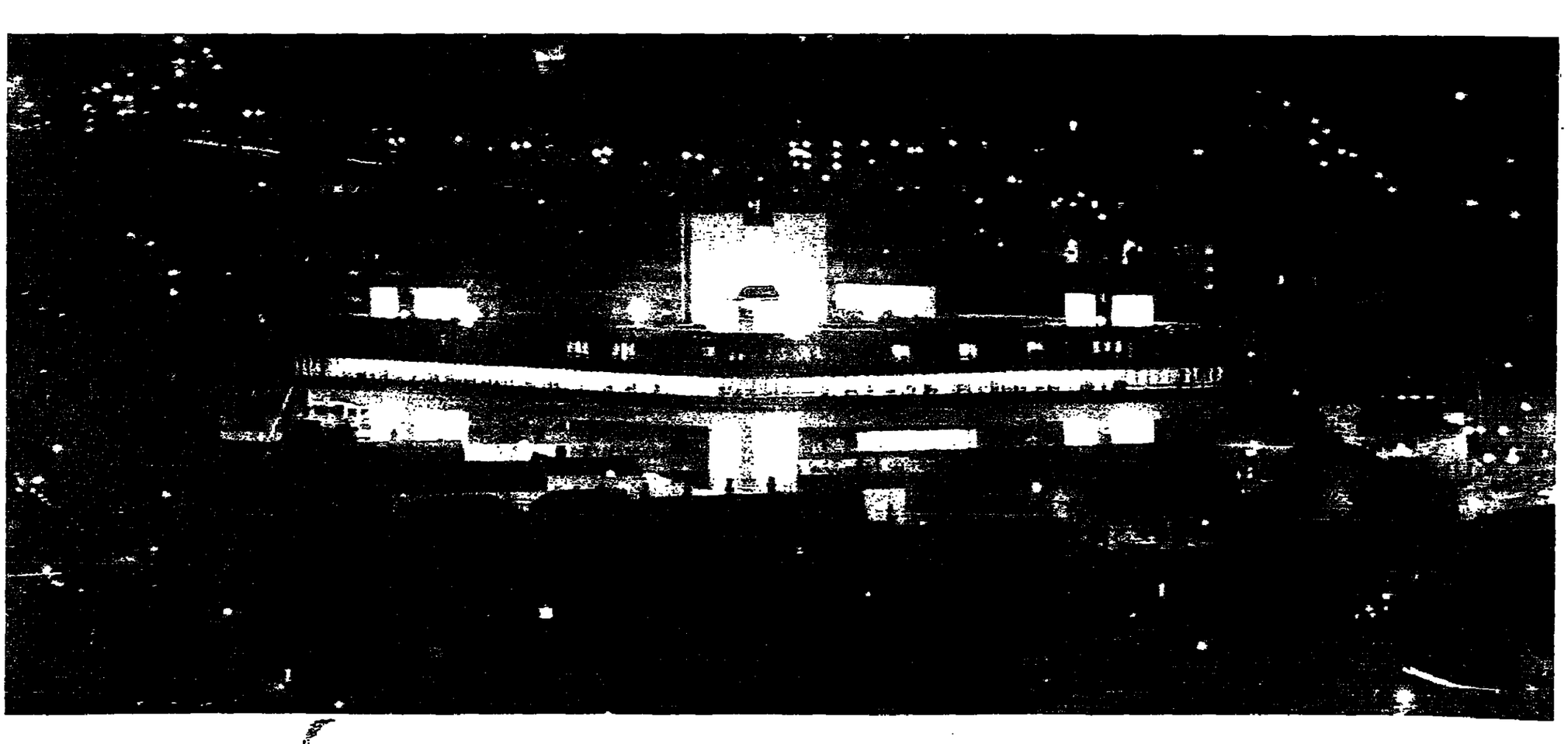

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# PARLIAMENT

# BMA publishing blatant untruths, Clarke tells MPs

**Some sections of the medical profession were resorting to "low-level propaganda" in the advertising campaign against the Government's proposals for reform of the National Health Service, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, said during question time.**

He criticized the British Medical Association for publishing "blatant untruths" only three days after seeking a meeting with him to discuss the proposals.

One Conservative MP described the advertisements in national newspapers as "overpriced, overwrought and certainly over the top".

Questions about the health service and the White Paper, *Working for Patients*, were opened by Mr Peter Hardy (*Wentworth, Lab*), who asked why captains of industry had been chosen to serve in part-time positions on the National Health Service Board, whereas nurses, who knew about caring in a way of which the Government revealed no knowledge, were too busy to take part in the policy decisions of the health service.

Mr Clarke said that people were to be given more local responsibility for managing and delivering services.

He had been encouraged that those recruited to the policy board were high-powered and successful people who had had responsibility for large organizations. There would a nursing management job to do, and for that reason the director of nursing would be on the management executive.

Mr Ronald Fearn, Democrat spokesman on health, asked why no one had been elected to the policy board and why Mr Clarke had not announced it in the Commons chamber.

Mr Clarke said that the policy board was not a representative committee (Opposition laughter).

It was an extremely bad tradition that every committee had had to have one doctor, one nurse, one administrator and one treasurer with long, multidisciplinary discussions before decisions could be reached.

This was a policy board. Management responsibility lay with the management board on which it was essential to have the director of nursing.

Mr Dennis Turner (Wolverhampton South East, Lab) asked what Mr Clarke's response had been to an open letter in the *Wolverhampton Express and Star* signed by more than half of Wolverhampton's consultants saying that they could no longer guarantee a comprehensive

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health service because of lack of funding and ward closures.

Mr Clarke said that anyone in public life knew it was easier to get people to sign a round-robin or a petition than to give serious consideration to a problem. He did not believe that most consultants believed such announcements. Nothing in the White Paper justified such alarmist allegations.

Mr Jeremy Hayes (Harlow, C) said that the time had come for the hyperbole and scaremongering of the BMA to stop. It was confusing patients and adding nothing to the debate. Would Mr Clarke be prepared to meet the BMA without conditions?

Mr Clarke said that the precondition had to be that both sides agreed on the aim of improving the health service.

**● Advertisement campaign has been over-priced, overwrought and certainly over the top ●**

He looked forward to the BMA's putting forward positive ideas. It was a great pity that the BMA, having said that it wanted to talk, had started to publish lists of blatant untruths in the newspapers.

Mr Robin Cook, chief Opposition spokesman on health, asked why Mr Clarke had appointed to the policy board three industrialists clutching their private medical cover.

Sir Graham Day and Sir Robert Scholey had a record of closing large chunks of industry and privatizing what remained. Was that why Mr Clarke had chosen them to run the health service?

Mr Clarke could find places for four businessmen but not for a single nurse. Had not those who knew how to care for patients got at least as much to offer the health service as those who only knew how to read a balance sheet and close a factory?

Mr Clarke said that a giant organization required people able to give leadership and guidance. Labour's proposals would lead to a health service administered by local councillors and trade unionists.

Mr Robert Hughes (Harrow West, C) said that when Mr Clarke next met the chairman of the BMA he should point out that there were so many inaccuracies in the BMA advertising campaign that it was hard to believe that those responsible for it had even read the White Paper.

Mr Clarke should give the chairman a copy and give a copy to his advertising agency so that it could reprint the advertisements, this time telling the truth.

Mr Clarke said that he was astonished that one day the BMA said that it wanted to have discussions with him but three days later its advertisements were produced.

The chairman had said that he entirely agreed with the Government's aim of improving the service and agreed with much that what was in the White Paper.

The BMA had encouraged the Government to experiment and to introduce pilot schemes, but then followed that with untrue advertisements that alarmed elderly and chronically sick patients.

Mr Kenneth Hind (West Lancashire, C) asked how the BMA, the doctors' trade union, could describe the health service as underfunded, undermined and under threat when the Government had increased spending from £8 billion to £26 billion since 1979, including a big rise in doctors' pay.

The advertising campaign was misleading, it was overpriced, overwrought and certainly over the top.

Mr Clarke said that he did not criticize the BMA for using advertising agencies when appropriate. But it was best not to leave the text entirely to the copy writer. It should be written by someone who had read and understood the proposals.

Everyone agreed that the National Health Service needed more money, which was why the Government had increased spending by 40 per cent in real terms since it came to power.

Mr Cook said that Mr Clarke should answer the BMA's question: When would he respond to the Griffiths report on community care?

Mr Clarke had sat on the report — which was supported by everyone in the medical profession — for a year, in stark contrast to the way he had pushed through the White Paper proposals, which were opposed by everyone in the medical profession.

When would Mr Clarke recognize that the elderly and the handicapped urgently needed community care?

Mr Clarke said that priority had been given to the needs of the elderly and the handicapped. The Government was doing its utmost to improve community care, unlike Labour when it was in office.

The Government would be reporting soon.

It was a complex problem and the Government had to determine how best, with the medical profession, to provide good quality community services.

## Treaty in the Cabinet room

*Mr Paddy Ashdown*, leader of the Democrats, told the Prime Minister at question time that the nation would welcome yesterday's announcement by the Foreign Secretary (*Sir Geoffrey Howe*) that he had negotiated his treaty with her so that the decision on joining the European Monetary System would be taken by the Government as a whole. "Will she tell the House whether the decision will be on the basis of majority voting or, as usual, subject to her veto?

Mrs Thatcher: Some of us recognize that he has no experience of Government (laughter).

# Government in inflation mess, says Kinnock

**PRIME MINISTER**

The Prime Minister came under attack over rising inflation during question time from Labour MPs, including their leader.

Mr Neil Kinnock said that the Government had made a complete mess of the policy. Mrs Margaret Thatcher countered by drawing references to higher inflation rates under Labour.

Mr Derek Fatchett (Leeds Central, Lab) opened the questions, asking if she recalled saying three months ago that we were proceeding towards zero inflation. Would she like to take this opportunity to update the House on progress (Labour laughter)?

Mrs Thatcher: The steps the Chancellor has taken will deal with the problem (Opposition laughter and shouts of "When?"). Eight per cent was low for Labour. It is unacceptably high for us.

Mr Kinnock asked if she recalled saying last week that "we picked up our inflationary tendency by trying to shadow the Deutschemark". Exactly who made the decision to shadow the Deutschemark?

Mrs Thatcher: The policies are the policies of the whole Government (Labour laughter). All the policies. And, she added, the Government had been infinitely more successful on inflation than the 26 per cent reached under Labour.

Mr Kinnock: So what the Prime Minister is saying is that the reason we have got 8 per cent inflation and picked up that tendency is because the Government under her leadership made a complete mess of it.

Mrs Thatcher: A complete mess was what the Labour Party did when they were in office.

Mr Calum Macdonald (Western Isles, Lab): May I invite her to state her complete confidence in the prediction of the Chancellor of the Exchequer as recently as two months ago that inflation this year would peak at 8 per cent and not go higher?

Mrs Thatcher: I have nothing further to add to what the Chancellor said (Labour laughter). I can assure Mr Macdonald that our efforts to tackle inflation will be infinitely more successful than were those of Labour, which was the party of inflation and when it got inflation up to 25 per cent. did not even have the resources to inflation-proof pensioners' pensions.

● Loud cheers and laughter greeted the disclosure at question time that a man in the North-east is prospering after accepting the Prime Minister's advice to take a job training course.

Mr Richard Holt (Langbaurgh, C) said that Mr Eric Fletcher, who was unemployed when she met him during her successful visit to Teesside in November 1987, was reported to be buying his council house.

"He has money in his bank and he is grateful for the day he met the Prime Minister" (loud Conservative cheers).

Mrs Thatcher: Yes. I understand he took a very good training course, on my advice. He did very well on that course. He has got a job and due to his own vigorous efforts he has done very well in that job. He will be warmly congratulated.

So too will this Government which has the right policies to enable him to do that and which is bringing increasing prosperity to the North-east.

● The Prime Minister was totally opposed to television viewers being allowed to watch her performance at question time because it was the one photo opportunity she could not stage manage. Mr Bruce Grocott (The Wrekin, Lab) said at question time.

Mrs Thatcher: Mr Grocott talks his customary poppycock.

● The people of Afghanistan had managed to "see off" the Red Army without the need for nuclear weapons. Mr Christopher Mullin (Sunderland South, Lab) said. Mrs Thatcher replied that they had had a good deal of help from other people.

**Contract 'is a good one'**

# Thatcher's advice for doctors

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The contract negotiated with the doctors was a good one and should be accepted by them, Mrs Thatcher said during Prime Minister's question time when she was questioned about the White Paper, *Working for Patients*.

Mr James Wray (Glasgow, Provan, Lab) said that the British Medical Association (BMA), the Royal College of Nursing, Confederation of Health Service Employees, National Union of Public Employees, patients, and staff were finding it difficult to convince the Secretary of State for Health (Mr Kenneth Clarke) that he should scrap his White Paper.

What plans did the Prime Minister have for recovering the £11 million of unpaid bills left by people abusing the private sector of the health service?

Mrs Thatcher said that the White Paper would improve service by giving more choice to hospitals, more say in their own affairs and would give doctors more chance to run their own budgets.

Resources for the National Health Service had increased from £8 billion to something like £25 billion a year under the present Government (Labour protests).

"If he cannot recognize accurate accountancy, I am not in the least bit surprised" (laughter).

Mr Neil Hamilton (Tatton, C) said that the mendacious, inaccurate campaign by the BMA indicated the deficiency of their diagnostic ability. If their medical judgement was as good as their political judgement, their patients would be well advised to get other doctors.

Mrs Thatcher said that Mr Clarke and Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, had negotiated a good contract with the doctors and she hoped that it would be accepted.

The White Paper would make it easier for patients to move from one doctor to another. General practitioner lists had decreased in size.

# Britain to call for ivory ban

The United Kingdom will be calling for a complete ban on trade in new ivory when the next meeting of the EC Council of Environment Ministers meets in Luxembourg on June 8, Mrs Thatcher said during questions.

"We believe that the sale of new ivory should be stopped altogether."

She was responding to Mr Cranley Onslow (Woking, C), who had asked her to promote initiatives to protect elephants in Africa.

Sir Fergus Montgomery (Sale and Altrincham, C) said that she should cut through the red tape and start immediate action.

Mrs Thatcher said that the Earl of Caithness, Minister of State for the Environment, who had just returned from Kenya, had said that he would call for a total ban on trade in new ivory at the council.

## Praise for Walker

Mrs Thatcher said at question time that she had full confidence in Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Wales, adding that the policies bringing prosperity to Wales were Conservative Government policies. She hoped that the people were all grateful for that.

The question had been asked by Mr Dafydd Wigley (Caernafon, Pl C) who said that the point of having separate ministries for Wales and Scotland was to enable different policies to be pursued when needed.

## Transplant Bill proceeds

The Human Organ Transplants Bill, which establishes an authority to review live donations from donors not closely genetically related to the recipients, was read a second time in the Commons on Monday.

The Bill had been recommended for a second reading by the second reading committee which had considered it. A money order, authorizing £20,000 to fund the annual costs of the authority, was agreed.

## Sex studies 'difficult'

The real difficulty in research into sexual abuse of children was not in finding extra money, but in designing the research and getting incontrovertible results from it, Mrs Thatcher said.

Mr Graham Allen (Nottingham North, Lab) said that for a small amount of money, a great deal of good could be done.

## Parliament today

**Commons (2.30):** Questions: Environment. Dock Work Bill, remaining stages.
**Lords (2.30):** Debate on transport, particularly in London.

# Litter louts 'must be treated severely'

The hope that sufficiently severe sentences would be passed for litter offences was expressed by the Prime Minister during question time.

Sir Hugh Rossi (Hornsey and Wood Green, C), chairman of the Commons Select Committee on the Environment, had asked whether she had seen recent reports about the low level of prosecutions and the low fines for litter offences, and the findings of several reports of the committee showing a similar situation about very serious environmental offences.

Prosecuting authorities and magistrates should show greater concern about these matters.

Mrs Thatcher replied that the situation clearly varied very much from one part of the country to the other. Magistrates, the Keep Britain Tidy group, and other people were concerned and were more successful in some areas than in others.

● Later, Mr James Paice (Cambridgeshire South East, C) was given leave under the 10-minute rule to introduce the Take Away Food (Biodegradable Packaging) Bill. He said that the disgusting and disgraceful habit of throwing down fast-food containers was littering streets throughout the country and it was time to take action.

His Bill would tackle the problem, he said, by ensuring that fast-food packaging was of biodegradable material, which broke down naturally. Although such materials cost a few pence more, that was not significant in relation to the often exorbitant prices people were prepared to pay for hamburgers.

# Ministers 'do not care about inner city'

The Government had failed to help the inner cities because it did not care about them, did not understand them and was ideologically incapable of advancing policies that met their needs, Mr Roy Hattersley, deputy leader of the Labour Party, said.

He was opening a debate on an Opposition motion condemning the Government's "neglect of the inner-city areas".

Market forces, he said, would not solve the problems. There must be a partnership between public and private enterprise, national and local government.

Mr Tony Newton, Minister of Trade and Industry, said that the problems of the inner cities went back at least a generation. There was no overnight or simple solution to their decline. It required a series of measures, which was what the Government had introduced.

Moving the motion, Mr Hattersley said that two years ago the Prime Minister promised action on the inner cities — a sudden and uncharacteristic enthusiasm after eight years of wilful and deliberate neglect.

Mr Hattersley: Problem not solved by market forces

For a moment, some thought that she had by then accepted her duty to be Prime Minister of all the country, but those hopes were confounded.

"Life in the inner cities continues to deteriorate, deteriorate relative to the life of the rest of the UK and sometimes even in absolute terms. It deteriorates because this Government's approach to the inner cities reflects all the inadequacies of modern Conservatism. Tory inner-city policy is based on bone-headed Conservative dogma."

The so-called Action for Cities announced more than a year ago was a fraudulent prospectus. It had provided £100 million of new investment, 5 per cent of the total that the Government had claimed, and the rest had been old money dressed up to look like new.

Inner cities desperately needed more public spending: on new houses, on repair of old houses, on new schools and more teachers, and on hospitals. There would not be industrial investment in areas of visible dereliction.

New companies that had moved into areas such as the London Docklands had not provided work for displaced local residents.

The epitaph on the Government's record was provided by the employment statistics of the 44 inner-city authorities. Employment had improved in only 14 and was worse than when the Government came to power in four authorities.

Homelessness was deteriorating in the inner cities, and the council housing stock had fallen because of Government policy.

Policy must be based on something other than prime ministerial ignorance and prejudice. There must be a partnership between public and private enterprise, national and local government, between local people and the agencies created to assist them.

Partnership had to be built around policies intended explicitly and specifically to help the inner cities. The inner cities would not prosper while they were left to themselves and the market. That meant they would never prosper until another government had been elected.

Mr Newton said that no previous government had brought together such a comprehensive range of programmes as Action for Cities.

In March 1988, Action for Cities had been announced with a total expenditure of £3 billion. A year later, the estimate for spending had risen to £3.5 billion. That could not be called neglect.

# BA chief 'should resign'

The chairman of British Airways, Lord King, should resign because of the manner in which airline staff treated passengers on the Belfast route, Mr James Kilfedder (North Down, UPUP) said during the debate on the spring adjournment on Monday.

British Airways should abandon advertisements saying that a back-up aircraft was always available when flights were full. One, showing a back-up flight carrying a single passenger, was in the realm of fantasy.

He protested at an hour-long delay to the 6.30pm flight from Heathrow to Belfast on Friday.

Passengers, including elderly people, children and a pregnant woman, had been left to stand on a glass-sided ramp in full sunshine for 45 minutes without chairs, advice or information about a back-up aircraft. In the event, no back-up had been available.

He condemned the way in which BA staff treated passengers — like cattle.

It was high time Lord King resigned because the buck must stop with him. People from Northern Ireland would not accept such abominable treatment.

# Museum law upsets Labour spokesman

*The following report of a Commons debate on the National Maritime Museum Bill appeared in later editions yesterday.*

The Bill would allow the trustees of that museum to use the magnificent buildings to even better effect, Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, said.

The Bill transfers responsibility for the land and buildings of the museum from the Property Services Agency to the trustees.

He said that the Bill would give the trustees the same power to hold land and buildings already enjoyed by the trustees of other national museums and galleries. It had been welcomed by the trustees.

Mr Mark Fisher, Opposition spokesman on the arts, welcomed the new powers for trustees of the museum, but said that the transfer only made sense if it was properly funded.

The Government gave the museum £3.5 million for repairs and maintenance this year, declining to £2.7 million next year. The museum needed £19 million over the next five years. That was a shortfall of at least £2 million a year.

The position was the same at the Victoria & Albert Museum and the Tate Gallery, whose trustees had refused to accept these new powers until the situation of repairs and maintenance had been agreed. Repairs at the V & A would cost £125 million over the next 10 years. The trustees would inherit a backlog of £50 million repairs. The Government grant was £7.6 million a year.

The Tate needed £27 million repairs and maintenance.

Roofs were leaking; galleries lacked sun-blinds so some pictures were being destroyed; some electric wiring was 50 years old; and air conditioning was inadequate so humidity and temperature were affecting the exhibits.

The Government was now seeking to hand back responsibility for that legacy of neglect and underfunding to the trustees and wanted to tell them to get on with it.

The Government had no museums strategy. What was needed was new thinking and new money.

The Bill was read a third time.

● NUCLEAR FUELS: The Atomic Energy Bill, to raise the financial limit imposed on British Nuclear Fuels from £1.5 billion to £2 billion, was read a third time.

Mr Michael Spicer, Under Secretary of State, Energy, said it would allow BNFL to complete its investment programme, particularly at Thorp, the thermal oxide reprocessing plant.

# Written answers

*The following written replies appeared in later editions yesterday.*

Aid loan support for the Commonwealth Development Corporation is to be increased by £21 million to £70 million in the present financial year, Mr Christopher Patten, Minister for Overseas Development, said. He added that £20 million of it would be additional to the existing agreed aid provision.

● AGENCY STAFF: About a third of the Civil Service, or nearly 200,000 civil servants, work in areas announced as candidates for agency status, Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Civil Service, said. About 6,000 staff are working in five agencies already established.

● LANDFILL RISKS: The Department of the Environment plans this year to start a two-year study on health risks associated with landfill, Mrs Virginia Bottomley, Under Secretary of State for the Environment, said.

● PRIVATIZATION: Since May 1979, privatization has raised £24.5 billion net, or £25.7 billion at 1987-88 prices, Mr Norman Lamont, Financial Secretary, Treasury, said.

● POLICE: The number of police officers per 1,000 people has risen from 1.73 in 1959 to 2.46 in 1988, Mr Douglas Hogg, Under Secretary, Home Office, said.

**Committee stage: Water Bill**

# £5.5bn debts written off

**HOUSE OF LORDS**

*The following report of the Commons debate on the committee stage of the Water Bill appeared in later editions yesterday.*

Debts of £5.5 billion owed by present water companies are to be written off by the Government before the industry is privatized, the Earl of Caithness, Minister of State for Environment, announced during the committee stage.

The announcement was made when the House was considering amendments on borrowing powers on the seventh day of the Bill's committee stage.

He said that the Government intended that the new companies should not be encumbered by huge debts.

Lord Nugent of Guildford (C), former chairman of the National Water Council, had moved an amendment, later withdrawn, to require the Secretary of State for Environment to pay the new companies a share of the proceeds of the privatization sale. He said that the companies should not be launched on a disastrous start and the Government should provide a dowry to meet the investment programme that must be undertaken by the industry.

The Earl of Caithness said that amendments would be brought forward later to make sure that the public would share in the proceeds of any surplus land belonging to the present water authorities that was sold off after privatization. This would be done by handing the money to the new private companies on the understanding that it was used to keep down expected rises in water charges.

"There will be no asset stripping."

Lord McIntosh of Haringey, Chief Opposition spokesman on environment, said that he was opposed to handing money to the new water companies. It should go to local authorities that had initiated and developed the nation's water supplies.

It would be institutionalized theft to give the money to the companies.

● Earlier, an Opposition amendment to give consumers the choice in deciding how to pay their water charges was rejected by 133 votes to 73 — Government majority, 60.

# Summertime may be changed

*The following report appeared in later editions yesterday.*

The Government will produce a consultation document next month on whether and how present United Kingdom summertime arrangements might change, Earl Ferrers, Minister of State, Home Office, said. Speaking during a debate on an order continuing existing arrangements, he said that the order provided for summertime next year to run from March 25 to October 28; in 1991 from March 31 to October 27 and in 1992 from March 29 to October 25.

The options on which consultations were taking place for later years were: the status quo; Greenwich Mean Time plus one hour in winter and plus two hours in summer; and harmonizing with other EC states.

About 600 organizations had been consulted and the results of that were being collated and interpreted for the consultation document.

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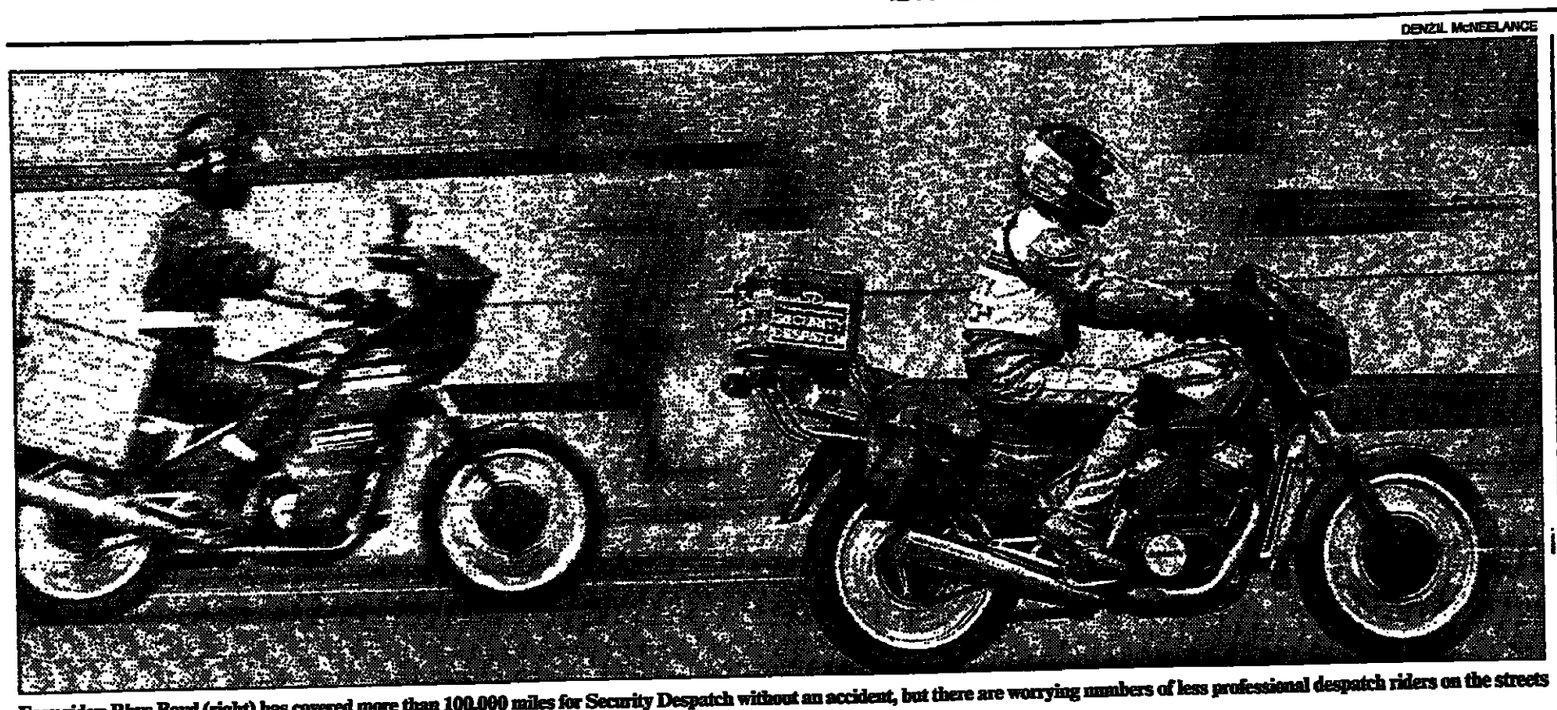

Easy rider: Rhys Boyd (right) has covered more than 100,000 miles for Security Despatch without an accident, but there are worrying numbers of less professional despatch riders on the streets

# Messengers of danger

## Is new legislation needed to put a brake on the motor cycle 'cowboys' of the courier industry? Colin Dunne investigates

If the judge who last week demanded action to limit the danger of couriers roaring through the traffic on high-powered motor bikes was expecting howls of protest he must be a surprised man. The only reaction was an acquiescent silence.

Indeed, Justice Leonard Gerber's appeal to the Ministry of Transport – after he had heard a case in which a despatch rider was convicted of causing death by reckless driving – echoed the opinions of many people within the industry.

Drivers and pedestrians are fed up with wild young men wearing bandanas who ignore the rules of the road. And the more respectable courier firms are sick of the "cowboy" image and have tried – and failed – to discipline their own industry.

Now the 65 courier firms which make up the Despatch Association, together with the Ministry of Transport, are keen to revise their code of practice. The association has also worked with the Westminster and the City of London councils on their own code, but so far no firm has been expelled for breaking the rules. The problem is that the codes are voluntary, and the 80 courier firms which subscribe in London are the ones least likely to offend.

There is no specific legislation to prevent learners working as despatch riders, to limit the hours worked, or to make companies ensure that their riders adequately insured. And because police statistics do not register the occupations of people involved in accidents, there is no record of those involving couriers.

The Despatch Association's code urges members to ensure that bikes are safe and roadworthy, clean and in good condition; that riders should be competent, experienced and knowledgeable; and that they are adequately insured and of good character, appearance, behaviour and attitude. It "discourages" the use of learners or inexperienced riders.

The code produced by the two councils demands that riders must have a full licence, must not work more than 50 hours a week or 10 hours a day, that they should be clearly identified, and that the companies should ensure that their riders' documentation is in order.

Like fax and copy shops, the courier industry was apparently born overnight. In London alone, there are 150 well-established firms. Taking into account the smaller firms, some of which operate from lock-up garages, the figure runs into several hundreds.

Manchester has three major companies with more than 20 bikes each. Two or three smaller firms form a second division, and there are then many more operators with three or four bikes. In the Midlands there are about 15 well-known firms and at least 40 smaller ones. One estimate reckons there must be 60,000 despatch riders in the country, although the figure might well be a lot lower than that.

Riders vary from highly-skilled professionals to youngsters on mopeds which still carry L-plates. In Liverpool, where riders can earn £300 a week, there are queues for the jobs. But in the London area – where there is double the potential for earnings – firms offer inducements such as free holidays in Spain to lure experienced riders from other firms. The riders are almost always self-employed and are paid between 50 and 60 per cent of the charge to the client. Some critics believe that this method of payment puts the riders under pressure to work at high speed.

Most of the problems in the industry have arisen because it has expanded at such astonishing speed. David Bennett, director of Eagle Couriers in Edinburgh and Glasgow, says: "It is all happening at a fantastic rate. The demand for good riders has outstripped the supply, so some firms take 'cowboys'. Many of them do not pay tax or National Insurance and the Inland Revenue must be losing a fortune." He would welcome legislation to ensure that riders are registered as self-employed.

Pony Express, which is owned by Securicor, has 16 branches and more than 600 riders. It backed the code of practice, and bought Honda 500 bikes because it believed that was safer than having riders with their own machines. Riders are equipped with green and white livery to make them easily identifiable.

Richard Benson, the managing director, says the problem with the code is that it has no teeth. He says: "The element of pressure is always there, partly because of the nature of the work, which is usually urgent, and partly because riders are paid by the job."

Benson believes that payment by result is the biggest single danger and would welcome legislation to put the industry in order.

Derek Ransome, the City of London's road safety officer, has not had a complaint about firms subscribing to its code. He believes that despatch riders should be subject to legislation similar to that controlling taxis and lorries.

The police share the general concern. A spokesman for the Metropolitan Police said: "There are two types of despatch riders – the professionals with well-maintained machines, and the less-responsible riders. Some riders have a high disregard for traffic signs, often due to inexperience as well as deliberate disobedience. They tend to give all riders a bad name."

Some firms still hope they can regulate their own industry. Julian Noel, aged 39, a former engineer working in the North Sea oil industry, now has his own courier company. He does not want to see government interference.

"There are cowboys, but most of the riders are total professionals, men with university degrees, men with children and mortgages." He would like to see courier bikes allowed to use bus lanes – as are taxis and bicycles – and provided with proper parking facilities for making deliveries.

Adam Dally, aged 28, who started a courier business with his brother, John, six years ago and won an enterprise award, has 15 branches throughout the country. Recently he opened another in New York. Chicago and Los Angeles are next on his list and a year from now he will open a branch in Sydney. He does not subscribe to the codes but says that legislation is inevitable.

"It's becoming so big. We have a turnover of £10 million and we pay £3 million to our drivers in cash. Not surprisingly, the Inland Revenue is taking an interest."

### A DAY DELIVERING THE GOODS

The "defensive rider": Rhys Boyd

Rhys Boyd works for Security Despatch in London's Covent Garden. Aged 28 and married with two children, he earns more than £18,000 a year. In his four years with Security Despatch, he has covered well over 100,000 miles and has never had an accident.

On a busy day, Security Despatch, whose managing director, Andrew Lummis, commutes on a Honda 500, has more than 1,000 jobs.

Boyd says: "I do defensive riding – treat everyone else like an idiot and you'll be OK." He rides a Honda 500 and has a second work bike, a Honda 250, for emergencies and a car for family use.

At weekends, Boyd competes in motor cycling championships on a Yamaha 250. He is sponsored by Security Despatch and is in the top 30 riders in his class. He enjoys his job, but dreams of running his own steakhouse.

On the day we logged him, he started work at 9am and made nine pick-ups and deliveries before lunch, and eight in the afternoon. He finished work at 5.20pm, having earned about £70, slightly less than usual. "A quiet day."

# Rooting for urban forest

## Why yesterday's announcement of a new woodland area means a revolution in the green belts

The forest that is planned for an area east of London in Essex is only the first of a number of woodlands that could be circling our major cities within a generation.

The Countryside Commission and the Forestry Commission hope that in July they will be able to announce another two – one between Newcastle upon Tyne and Sunderland and the other between Cannock and Lichfield, to the north of Birmingham.

"Urban forests" are a new idea to Britain, but they promise to be the most important development in the philosophy of the green belts – protected buffers between town and country.

Like many an idea whose time has come, urban forestry – which has the blessing of Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for the Environment – promises to kill a whole flock of tasty birds with one stone. As well as revitalizing thinking about green belts, it would open new prospects for open-air recreation. It would help the Forestry Commission to break away from the image of a despoiler of acres of irreplaceable wilderness. It would strike a blow at the food mountains of the European Community, and also at the problem of what is to become of the farmers whose livelihoods depend on them.

"Green belts are probably the greatest under-used recreational and landscape resource we have," says Mike Kirby, director of operations for the Countryside Commission. "But they have been whittled away in places, in spite of all their legal protection. You don't often hear of woodland being taken to build houses on. Now Brussels and Westminster are eager to offer farmers inducements to diversify out of food production and into forestry."

The concept is for each major city to declare that a substantial area of land on its fringe will be developed as its own forest. Each would be about 5,000 hectares in extent (about five times the size of Richmond Park, London's largest stretch of green). Owners would not be compelled to plant trees, but there would be grants to encourage them to do so. The aim would be for between half and two-thirds of the land in each forest to be planted with trees.

Local authorities and private entrepreneurs in partnership would promote recreational uses of all kinds, and there would be a planned variation between quiet and busy areas, ranging from nature reserves to sports fields, bridle paths to camping sites.

Discussions with local interests are already in progress about the first three British forests, the exact boundaries of which will be announced in July. Alistair Scott, the Forestry Commission's director of environment, says: "This is not at all a pipe dream. It is only a large-scale application of the ideas Ebenezer Howard was putting into practice at Welwyn Garden City in the 1920s."

Local authorities have reacted favourably. "But there is a lot more to be done," says Brian Hatfield, a member of the countryside team in Gateshead, which includes part of the area of the proposed South Tyneside forest. "It is fairly well-established farmland, some of it statutory green belt. I think there will be some local suspicions at first, and it will be necessary to stress that everything will be done on a purely voluntary basis."

Farmers in the area do, indeed, appear to have their suspicions. David Colley, of Mount Pleasant Farm, in the heart of the planned forest area, is sceptical of the whole concept. "It sounds quite unreal to me. The land in this area is totally under threat already, from factories and housing, green belt or no green belt. Nissan's new factory is right in the middle of the area you're talking about."

The east London forest, too, has met with suspicion from councillors who think that the scheme may be a disguised capitalist attack on their cherished green belt. The Cannock project, in effect a huge expansion of the existing Cannock Forest, is on land where competing pressures may not be as intense.

"We are conscious there's a big selling job to be done," Kirby says. "Getting private landowners on our side will be one of the keys to success. Community involvement all round will be vital. If people don't see it as their forest from the start, then the project will fail. But we think this is an idea which looks right for our time."

George Hill

TOMORROW

**Flexible thinking: mind-bending exercises could be the best way to keep your brain in shape and minimize the effects of dementia. The Health Page reports**

# Greene among the pigeons

Much of the interest aroused by Professor Norman Sherry's lengthy first volume of biography of Graham Greene has been concerned with the revelation that Greene's flat in Antibes is "not big enough to swing a cat in".

At first, it was only the novelist who objected. Greene took the trouble to measure his flat before telling Sherry (incidentally, itself a popular name for a cat) that it contained ample space for the most energetic of cat-swingers.

If Sherry was now tamed, the cat-loving public most certainly was not. They had heard of Greene's reputation as a stickler for research – never mentioning a sprout without first flying to Brussels – and they feared that our Greatest Living Novelist had been driven to swing an Antibean cat in his flat before reporting back to Sherry. The awful question was first raised in the correspondence column of *Cats* magazine. Happily, subscribers to *Cats* have been informed in the present issue that all Antibean cats remain untouched by the hand of the novelist, and that Greene is Innocent.

CRAIG BROWN

But cat lovers are a dogged breed, and, even if the phrase "not big enough to swing a cat in" has now been cleared up to their satisfaction, I feel sure that they will wish to get their teeth into some other ancient saying and to gnaw it to death. Even as I write, cat lovers will be picketing the royal palaces of Europe demanding that "a cat may look at a king", and calling for urgent EC legislation to ensure that this ancient right of cats is enforced through compulsory monthly meetings between kings and representatives of the cat community.

Undoubtedly, the most controversial piece of received wisdom is that curiosity kills the cat, a vicious rumour that has been allowed to circulate freely for many years. Is it true or false? Under controlled conditions at the Cat Research Centre in Massachusetts, an experienced cat is presently being confronted with some of the most tantalizing enigmas known to mankind. These questions have kept fully grown men awake with curiosity for many a long night, but will they succeed in killing the cat? On the hour, every hour, a white-coated scientist with a full range of pens and pencils sticking out of his top pocket will be asked one of the following insoluble questions:

- WHY do people behind the counters in Health Food Stores all look as if they are about to die from malnutrition?
- WHY do intelligent and responsible human beings – doctors and captains of industry among them – find themselves unable to stop singing the tune from *Neighbours* up to three times in any single day?
- WHY are all poets "award-winning" and all travel writers "consistently underrated"?
- WHY, when you try to tune into Radio 3, do you always find yourself listening instead to a local station advertising huge discounts at a carpet warehouse?
- WHY do both Mr Benn and Mrs Thatcher smile most avidly only when faced with a statement to which they object?
- WHY does Radio 4 only broadcast plays in which there are ample opportunities for sound effects of horses' hooves, creaking doors and chirruping birdies, and in which every character gets at least one chance to say "What's up with 'im, then?"
- WHY do public relations officers call complete strangers by their Christian names, and do they signal intimacy with their own children when they get home by addressing them by their surnames?
- WHY are assistants in all video shops so pleased with themselves?

Experts predict that, faced with these, the most curious problems currently facing mankind, even the most hardened cat will keel over, and the old adage will be proven.

Meanwhile, larger cats are to be incorporated into future research projects.

Already, leading salesmen from the world of fashion are being flown to the Cat Research Centre in an attempt to persuade a politically weak-minded leopard to change its spots. ("Oh yes – pink stripes are you to a T! By all means try on a smaller size . . . now, this is a very popular line for the fuller figure . . .") Those who have long experience of entering boutiques predict that the leopard doesn't stand a chance.


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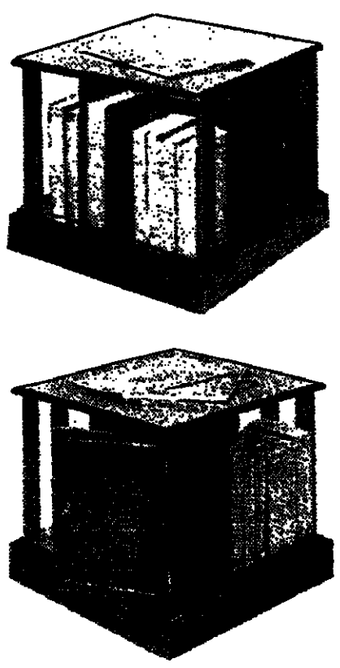

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# A light in the dark city

## To the heroin addicts of the Walled City of Kowloon Jackie Pullinger is a saviour. Libby Purves discovers why

A boardroom in Bedford Square is quite the wrong backdrop for Jackie Pullinger. *It* makes her look like any other youthfully-*fortyish working* woman, complete with nervous friendliness and a *slightly dated taste* in make-up. Nice, but insignificant.

*See her in her own* setting and the picture would change: in the old Walled City of Kowloon, one of the worst slums in the world, Pullinger *is a heroine and a saviour.* In collapsing rooms where heroin addicts lie skeletal *on camp-beds, in* stinking alleys full of child prostitutes, *her neat blonde presence is* so respected that Triad leaders step aside for her and *pimps salute her. It* is mildly disconcerting to find her packaged down to the *status of the* mere author of a lavishly photographed book *on the last days of the* Walled City.

*She speaks in a strange accent* — in which Chinese, American and *Australian twangs overlay solid* Home Counties English — and like *many Evangelical Christians, she* drops God and the Bible into her *conversation with disconcerting* casualness. I can well believe her account of the consternation she has caused in the past at committees and drug-addiction conferences. "They talk about patients or P45 numbers. I tend to say simple things like, 'This man is our neighbour'."

There is a certain wild incongruity in her entourage, too. She has brought from Hong Kong Leung Wai-Leun, Onjai and Ah-Tam, Chor Kim and Po Keung. They are all former heroin addicts out of Triad street gangs, needle-scarred and bred from birth to vice. She cured their addiction in explosive, well-attested sessions involving prayer and speaking in tongues, and their criminal behaviour by Bible study. The tour is only a short, strange interlude. Next week they will all go home together to the chaos of Kowloon. There is much to do: the gangsters, addicts and destitutes of the Walled City have to be prepared not only (as she would put it) for the Kingdom of Heaven, but in the shorter term for the major upheavals of 1997, when the whole lot is handed back to Chinese rule.

The Walled City is a quirk of history. Founded as a Chinese garrison in 1843 when the British took over Hong Kong, it developed into a prosperous little town. In 1899 Chinese jurisdiction ended and the city became "part and parcel of Her Majesty's Colony of Hong Kong". It sank into disrepair and became so insanitary that in the 1930s the British began to knock it *down. But after the* Second World War, Chinese squatters and refugees reclaimed *it and China* backed them up, and effectively this 6.5 acre patch *in the centre of* prosperous Hong Kong became a no-go area. *Left to its own devices,* unvisited even by police until the Sixties, it *was left to the* Triad gangs, to extortionate landlords and petty *criminals,* drug dealers and prostitutes. They called it Hak Nam: the city of darkness.

"It is the 1997 agreement," Pullinger says, "which has made it possible for the Hong Kong authorities to demolish the place at last. Before that its political status was so dubious that nobody wanted to rock the boat. The people are being decently resettled and compensated according to what they own or what rent they pay. Even if you sleep in the street you pay rent."

What this well-bred, slightly shy, young English girl came to be doing in Kowloon City in the first place is another oddity. She was studying the oboe at the Royal Academy of Music in the Sixties, and fell in with the college Christian Union. She then turned to more radical young Christians and had a deep conversion; rejected by mission societies as too young at 21, she set off round the world praying for a job to do. In 1966 she came to Hong Kong and walked naively alone into the Walled City. The Cultural Revolution in China had sent a new flood of refugees in: the sight she saw was appalling and irresistible.

"It upset me to see 12-year-old and 61-year-old prostitutes, and to notice the needle marks on their hands *from the heroin injections* which made the job bearable. I hated *what was happening here, but* I wanted to be nowhere else. It was *almost as if* I could *already see* another city in its place and that city was ablaze with light. It was my dream. There was no more crying, no more death or pain."

She had, she admits, not much *idea of how to bring this about; but* remembered a book about an *American pastor who approached a* mobster and said "Jesus loves you", *and it worked.* "When I tried it on my first gangster, I am afraid he just seemed bored. *He* told me to run along and find someone else."

She began handing out tracts in a street where a hundred men or more lay sprawled "chasing the dragon" — inhaling heroin through a tube held over heated tinfoil. Alas, "they just rolled up my papers and used them to inhale through".

Frustrated, she got a teaching job outside the Walled City, and spent her money and spare time running a youth club inside, to befriend young Triads. "It was for the dregs, for those unwelcome elsewhere." The club was packed nightly, but the members still thought she was "cracked about Jesus" and went *home to continue killing and living* off prostitutes. She persevered; the *evangelism began to work and* strange things to happen. Strangest *of all was her discovery that she* could "cure" addicts without the *pains of withdrawal.*

Pullinger knows well that this is *the hardest part of her ministry to* explain, but it is well-documented *by sceptical experts.* "These are people who've suffered withdrawal *before, in prison. We say to them, if* you pray with us, you'll be free and *without pain. We look after them.* We give them cups of tea and *noodles and massages and baths* and love. Doctors sometimes say, 'Ah yes, you are *causing them to* release endorphins'. But I suppose it *is 50/50* the power of God and the power of the love we give them."

Pullinger operated alone for some years; now with a growing band of helpers she organizes homes and occupations for the prostitutes and gangsters she has reformed, has a good relationship with the Hong Kong government, and has expanded her network into other parts of Asia and the world (including "Australia, Germany and Britain").

The *modus operandi* on the streets is deliberately contrary. "I don't understand why most people try to organize the bricks and mortar and staff first, before the relationships. We *begin with the* love." And money? "We pray for it. We don't fund raise." Coming home, she is gently sceptical of our *current obsession with huge institu*tional charities, telethons and the like. She does not like the Western reflex which enables us to switch off *curiosity* and compassion while walking past a blank-eyed figure lying wrapped in cardboard in the underpass.

"I pray for people *that they may* not be able to sleep at night because *of the man in the cardboard box.* The awfulness comes when you think you don't need to consider him, because someone else is, or because society should be."

Some would say Pullinger has sacrificed everything, youth and marriage and normality, to her dark, terrible city and her vision of the other one "ablaze with light". "That's dumb. I have more fun than most people. People are always telling me to take it easy or I'll burn out, but a couple of years later it always turns out that they've burned out themselves, and I haven't. The Bible doesn't say anything about looking after yourself, does it?"

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● Crack in the Wall, *by Jackie Pullinger, is published by Hodder & Stoughton (£10.95).*

JULIAN HERBERT

**The power of love: Pullinger (right) with four male former heroin addicts and one of her assistants**

# When liability comes home

## Should the possiblity that your guests might sue take the fun out of parties?

The dozen or so small boys coming to my son's party next month have (I think) got past pulling teapots off tables and all over themselves. However, in the light of this week's £20,000 damages award to 13-year-old Carolyn Foreman, who was burned and scarred as a baby in an accident like this, I have been imagining the other things a gang of excited five-year-olds might do.

They could fracture skulls on the climbing frame or blind each other by using cricket stumps as spears. And if it could be proved that I had been negligent I could be liable for damages. This is the stuff of nightmares, but it gets worse.

Adults can only claim compensation for an accident within the past three years. But a child can bring an action at any time up to the age of 18, and for up to three years following. So it is possible to face a claim relating to an accident that occurred years earlier.

As Alan Davies of the Law Society points out, there may be a number of reasons for the delay. Apart from the fact that the extent of the injuries or disabilities may only become apparent over a number of years, the circumstances of the person alleged to be liable might change.

"There is no point taking proceedings against someone who has no money to satisfy any judgment," he says. "But even if a person had no money at the time of the accident, they may in the future."

Two years ago the Accident Legal Advice Service (ALAS) was relaunched. It offers a free interview with a solicitor to advise on whether you have grounds for a claim after an accident — including one in someone else's home.

Davies adds: "People are becoming far better educated and realize that they often have a right to claim compensation. Partly I think it is the result of the publicity on all the major disasters. I don't think it is greed, it is just that people are aware that we are not just talking about loss of earnings, but about things like pain and suffering and the quality of life, of things you might never be able to do."

Of course, how high the damages should be only arises if you are found liable. Could you be sued if you threw a fortieth birthday party and someone drank so much that he fell down the patio steps, breaking his leg, or worse, his back? "It's a question of responsibility," Davies says. "If someone is playing the fool, walking along the parapet of a balcony, and then falls off, you can't be held to be negligent. But if you have been spiking their drinks, or if they were under age and you had been encouraging them to drink, it might be different."

And it is not just parties. Suppose your kindly next door neighbour pops in to put up a shelf for you and the ladder you have offered him breaks? Or you lend a friend your bike, the brakes fail and there is a nasty accident? The possibilities are enough to turn anyone into a recluse.

However, according to the Association of British Insurers, around 74 per cent of households in the UK are covered by a contents policy and in the majority of cases this will also include a personal liability clause which provides cover against claims as a result of someone else having an accident in your home.

The Prudential Home Combined policy gives legal liability cover for up to £1 million, plus legal fees. Other companies set a limit of £500,000.

At present, says Chris Vecchi of the Pru, they are handling about a dozen personal liability claims a year. "We are involved in a couple of cases which could end up in possible payments of £50,000 plus. The numbers are still relatively small, but the amounts are relatively high.

"The important thing is to check that you have this kind of cover. There is no point in taking out any extra insurance for things like parties if you do. After all, if you're negligent you're negligent."

**Lee Rodwell**

# Big wheels

Women, incredulous car dealers were told last week, are the fastest growing sector of the car sales market. They account for about 45 per cent of private car sales and are increasingly making inroads into fleet buying. Lombard, the car finance giant, calls it "the market you can no longer afford to ignore", and last week its spokeswoman, Gill Hopkins, presented a new video to car dealers to encourage them to "put women in the driving seat" instead of writing them off.

"Women spend over £1 billion annually on cars," Hopkins said, "and I've been visiting dealerships around the country and arranging evenings to help make motor showrooms more 'women-friendly'." The evenings, organized largely through Austin Rover dealers, may include a fashion show as well as the opportunity to change a tyre under expert supervision. Hopkins hopes the brief cartoon video, stressing the growing importance of women in the market, will make the typical male chauvinist car salesman think twice before asking what "hubby" thinks.

Details of the evenings, plus a free "woman's guide to buying and running a car", covering where to buy, what to look for and finance, can be obtained from Gill Hopkins, Lombard House, 3 Princess Way, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1NP (0737 774111). Send a 10in x 8in SAE for the booklet.

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## Toxin tests

Worried that the meat you eat may contain anabolic steroids, or that there are poisonous aflatoxins in your peanut butter? Doctors and scientists are meeting today to discuss breakthroughs which could lead to simple home tests. Professor Vincent Marks, professor of clinical biochemistry at the University of Surrey, whose department has developed tests for herbicides and pesticides in water, is working on instant tests for steroids and aflatoxins which could be used like home pregnancy tests, he says, or the tests for blood sugar which diabetics administer. Marks is chairing today's meeting on "Emerging Opportunities on Rapid Testing in Europe" at the Kensington Close Hotel in London. "We have the technology," he says, "but it may be some time before it works its way into the home, and it will be very expensive at first." (Rather like the conference, which costs £600 a head for two days.)

## Quote me . . .

*". . . to get into bed with a nice man, a hot cup of tea and a good book is delicious."*
*Sue Townsend*

## Baby claims

Many women go merrily off on maternity leave, certain that their jobs will be kept open for them. Others are summarily sacked, or shunted aside, almost as soon as their employers learn they are pregnant. Concerned by how many pregnant women were losing their jobs without the means to challenge an unfair dismissal or redundancy, the Equal Opportunities Commission has produced two new leaflets which offer a step-by-step guide to assessing the situation and preparing a claim to go to an industrial tribunal under the provisions of the Sex Discrimination Act.

"Before 1986 pregnant women had no way of challenging dismissal or redundancy unless they had worked full-time for the same employer for two years or part-time for five, which left nearly half the female workforce without protection," the EOC says. "Using the SDA the EOC has built up a number of successful pregnancy dismissal cases for which no qualifying period is necessary."

There have been 26 pregnancy dismissal victories under the SDA between 1987 and 1988, with compensation averaging £1,240, the EOC reports. The first victory was, appropriately, Hayes v the Malleable Working Men's Club. To obtain the leaflets, send an SAE to the Equal Opportunities Commission, Overseas House, Quay Street, Manchester M3 3HN.

## Home hero

Imagination, the innovative company which provides the special effects for the Royal Britain exhibition, has come up with a clever, comic-strip approach to its brief from the Department of Trade and Industry to educate children about safety in the home. "Doc Hazard" was revealed to the world yesterday at Thorpe Park in Berkshire, where the Home Truths exhibition was launched under a weather-proof geodesic dome. It will remain there for about three months, open to the public, and will then tour the country for three years. Doc Hazard is the hero of a show, battling against the "pesky hazard-mongers" such as unguarded fires, overloaded sockets and glass doors. Visitors will be taken through the dome in groups of 15 to 20, and up to four parties at a time can watch the 15-minute show, which re-creates a complete house with all its potential hazards. Children are given a comic to take away. Details can be obtained from Sue Walder of Imagination on 01-379 6872 or from the DTI's Consumer Safety Unit.

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# THE ARTS

TELEVISION

## Many a slip

**Freud's classic work on jokes may be notoriously short on laughs, but Stacey Marking's biographical film *A Beginner's Guide to Freud* (Channel 4) amply compensated; indeed it was so consistently funny that any question as to its intentionality seemed irrelevant.**

**Freud had a lifelong obsession with trains, he instructed patients to pretend they were on a train, he left Vienna on a train; and so it must have seemed a particularly smart idea to base this portrait on his final train journey. However, this did not overcome the formal difficulties of telling a genius's life story and simultaneously elucidating his theories.**

**Rather than trying to balance both, the film settled for a cunning compromise: neither. A lumbering old-fashioned television portrait, inter-cut with hilarious vignettes of his work, it was a perfect demonstration that the mysteries of the psyche do not apply to television directors; their subsconscious is already programmed to the least mysterious of conjunctions.**

**Say "Paris" to a director and they reach instinctively for the jerky black-and-white footage of boulevards, say "Nazi" and they spring to clips of Hitler. Every television equivalent of the mixed metaphor was exploited. As an exercise in film editing, that most Freudian of associative practices, it was both obvious and predictable.**

**Freud could have analysed why we find men in frock-coats and outsize beards muttering "fazinatink" so funny, but that makes them no less laughable. David Kossoff's preposterously fruity voice-over sounded like a Secessionist version of Mr Kipling's Exceedingly Good Cake.**

**The result was a regression in technique, intention and sophistication from Huston's 1962 film, in which Kossoff also featured. It was like a *Comic Strip* parody of a Paul Muni biopic, complete with characters filling each other in using the time-honoured *Blue Peter* question technique: "Now, am I right in thinking you've got a very interesting seduction-theory?"**

**The question remains whether anybody could really be sufficiently ignorant of Freud's life and ideas to be enlightened by this simplistic portrait, more suited to an afternoon schools slot than prime-time Channel 4. This was a badly wasted opportunity.**

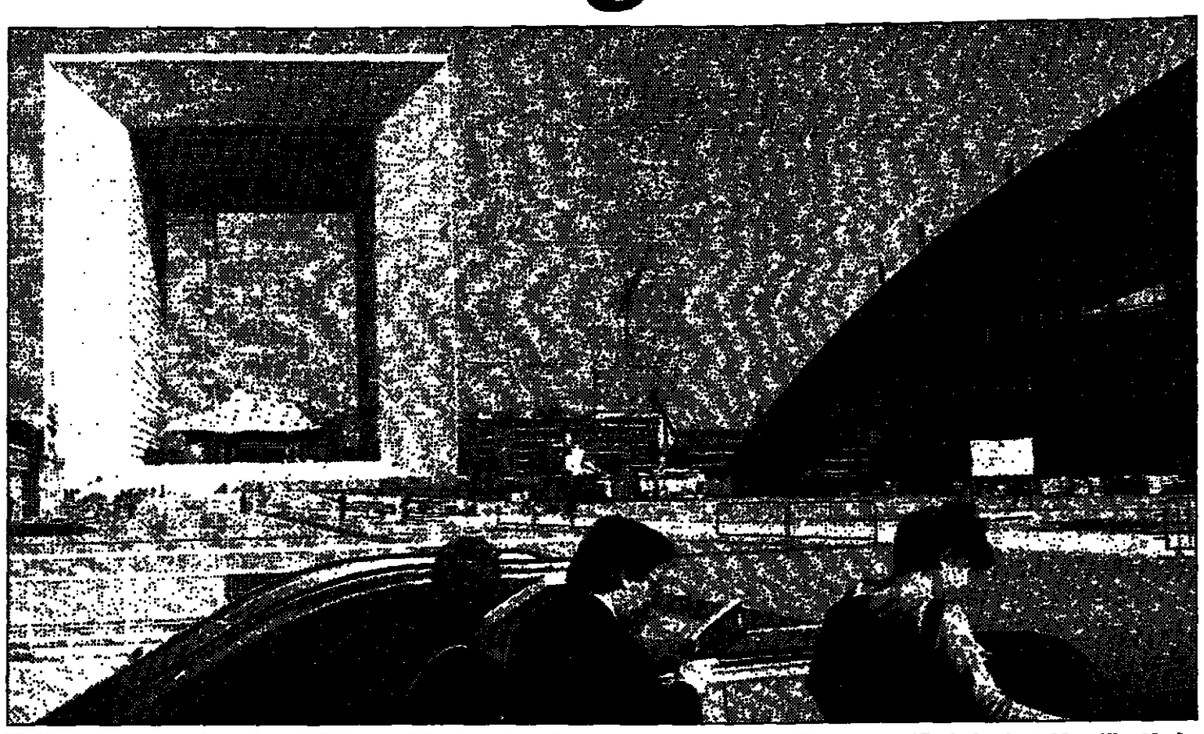
**Adrian Dannatt**

TOMORROW

Paul Griffiths on Scottish Opera's new *Street Scene*

The buildings for which President Mitterrand would like to be remembered are all but complete. **Deyan Sudjic** assesses them

# Folies de grandeur?



Media centre *manqué*: the arch at La Défense, a hi-tech version of the Arc de Triomphe, located in an area of Paris dominated by office-blocks

Paris's new opera house, built at breakneck speed in just four years, will open its doors on July 14, with an evening of revolutionary abandon celebrating the 200th anniversary of the storming of the Bastille. It is an opening ceremony that will be somewhat symbolic. Immediately afterwards the opera will close again for at least six months, while builders and technicians struggle to make its stage machinery work.

But symbolism counts for more than substance in France this year. President Mitterrand gave his word that the 2,700-seat opera house would open on July 14, and so it must, even if it is for one day only. Its story, like that of many of the series of large building projects that Mitterrand has initiated during his presidency, is dramatic and exciting at first sight and turns out on closer inspection to be sadly flawed. Building delays are the least of the new Opéra's worries. Since the sacking of Daniel Barenboim as its artistic director, nobody knows quite what the £240 million building is to be used for.

It wasn't always like this. Five years ago, as the first of the president's positively Napoleonic *grands projets* started to appear, Paris looked to be the very model of a dynamic capital. While Britain argued and dithered endlessly about the extension to the National Gallery, and the remodelling of the Covent Garden Opera became hopelessly bogged down, Mitterrand waved his presidential wand and set in train a £2.5 billion building programme for Paris.

It includes a science museum at the old La Villette abattoir, the surrealistic idea of turning the Quai d'Orsay railway station into a museum of 19th-century art, and of course Mitterrand's famous pyramid in the midst of the Louvre. And, among much else besides, an extraordinary hi-tech version of the Arc de Triomphe, a 35-storey hollow cube at La Défense, Paris's answer to Croydon. But the reality is hardly the glittering prospect Mitterrand envisaged. The Opéra, intended to bring opera to the people, leaving Garnier's Victorian prodigy to the ballet, is in disarray, and seat prices are unlikely to reflect the populist ambitions.

The French went to endless trouble staging an international architectural competition that attracted hundreds of entries, to come up with a design they hoped was going to be as popular and influential as the Beaubourg was in the 1970s. It is nothing of the kind. The story in Paris is that the competition judges were under the impression that the anonymous winning scheme they selected had been submitted by Richard Meier, the respected American architect of the Getty's new building, and a string of museums. As the judges saw it, what the supposed Meier was proposing wasn't quite up to his usual standard, but they were confident that once he had got the job he would soon knock it into shape. In fact they got not Meier but the unknown Carlos Ott, and what had started out as a pastiche Meier building turned into a series of cardboard clichés.

A quite extraordinary amount of accommodation is crammed into the tight corset of the site, the huge but spatially leaky circus of the Place de la Bastille. The opera stands on what was once a railway station, surrounded uncomfortably by small Victorian buildings, like a beached whale.

The French have only themselves to blame. The brief for the opera was so tightly defined that all that was left to the architect was to provide a skin for the Rubik's cube of the interior. There are no fewer than six moving stages, capable of shuffling fully dressed back, forward, up and down. Less forgivable are the banal interiors, which bear an uncomfortable resemblance to the Festival Hall, and the pinched attempts at grand staircases.

The most monumental of all Mitterrand's schemes is the arch at La Défense, where the city has taken, since the 1960s, to dumping its high-rise offices. Here is a building 35 storeys high, in the form of an open cube, chamfered front and back, making it look a little like a giant picture frame. The sides look blank and solid, though they are actually full of windows. And rising the full height of the structure is the most frightening lift in the world. It will shoot up and down like a glass bullet, guided only by the flimsiest of steel struts lashed together like bamboos, and stabilized by steel guy ropes.

This was to be an international media centre, when Mitterrand launched the competition for its design in 1984. It has turned out mostly as just offices. At £270 million, not even Mitterrand could build it for entirely symbolic reasons.

But it is symbolism that is the key to understanding this extraordinary structure. It closes the axis that runs dead straight for mile after mile all the way from the heart of the Louvre, through the Tuileries, up the Champs-Elysées to the Arc de Triomphe, and on to La Défense. Stand in the courtyard of the Louvre, with I.M. Pei's new glass pyramid behind you, and on a clear day you can glimpse the Arc de Triomphe, with the misty smudge of the new arch far beyond.

It is a gesture that would be authoritarian in a tacky, Dubai Hiltonish way, were it not for the fretwork steel tracery – designed by the British engineer Peter Rice at his most wilful – hanging under the arm. The arch itself was designed by the previously unknown Danish architect Otto von Spreckelsen, who did not live to see it completed.

His sketches were vague, blissfully free of detail or facts, full of poetry rather than engineering. His vision was taken over and reshaped by Paul Andreu, best known for Paris's Charles de Gaulle Airport, with its windowless concrete beehive of a terminal and transparent, science-fiction escalator tubes.

Flawed they may be, but London has nothing to match these Paris projects, despite the building boom in the Docklands. It is inconceivable that in an aesthetic climate in which the views of the Prince of Wales have assumed pre-eminence and the idea of public subsidy for housing the arts is out of favour, we could have a programme anything like as ambitious as that of the French. The attitudes represented by Mitterrand are the opposite of those of the Prince. The Prince does his best to stop things; Mitterrand has rediscovered the ancient and egotistical pleasures of building. Both approaches have their strong points but are not without their drawbacks.

# Front-runners and first-timers

CANNES FILM FESTIVAL

In Cannes there is no advance leak of the prizes. Because of a bargain with television, the jury and its secrets are cordoned by police and guard dogs until the announcements are made on stage, before the cameras. This year the jury kept us guessing to the end.

So much depends on the human chemistry of the jury itself, and this was impossible to analyse, with the austerely intellectual film-maker Wim Wenders as president of a group ranging from the emotional Sally Field to Peter Handke (Wenders's chilliest scenarist); from Hector Babenco, director of *Kiss of the Spider Woman*, to the composer Georges Delerue, from veteran French and Italian producers to a Canadian film student and the most caustic of the new Polish film-makers, Krzysztof Kieslowski.

They were, moreover, faced with an unprecedented heterogeneous amount of films. On the final day the shortest odds among those who make books on this kind of thing, were on three films: Denys Arcand's comic parable Jesus of Montreal, Spike Lee's ferocious allegory about race conflicts, *Do the Right Thing*, and Emir Kusturica's visionary but unvarnished panorama of Romany life, Time of the Gipsies.

A late favourite, however, was Giuseppe Tornatore's Nuovo Cinema Paradiso, a second Italian film to revisit the cinemas past through the story of a small-town movie house. Ettore Scola's Splendor appeals most strongly to older cinéphiles who share the director's own long memories of post-war cinema. Tornatore's film, considerably cut from its original three hours, piles on story and sentiment in a three-part tale of the life and times of a movie enthusiast, from boyhood to a career as a film-maker.

Many of the best things in Cannes appear outside the competition, in side events. The Directors' Fortnight presented a beautiful film from Burkina Faso, Yaaba (Grandmother) directed by Idrissa Ouedraogo. A simple story about a boy who befriends an aged outcast lady, it brings to vivid life the daily existence of a little African village, with its characters, its gossips and its local drunk.

From Algeria came an astonishing first film, Sand Roses. The young director, Mohamed Rachid Benhadj, succeeds in telling a fictionalized story of a young peasant with no arms and a crippled leg, without any trace of voyeurism or sensationalism. So strong is the personality of the disabled actor and so discreet and sincere the work of the director, that we are conscious only of a brave and attractive young man coping with his problems just as the rest of the world does.

Another outstanding first feature, from Malayam, India, Shaji's Piravi relates the story of a rural family whose son has disapepared after being tortured and liquidated by the police on account of his political involvement.

A charming oddity, finally, from Italy: The comedian Maurizio Nichetti's Icicle Thieves, in which Nichetti plays a film director going through the agonies of watching his neo-realist masterpiece screened on television introduced by an odious critic and constantly interrupted by the commercials.

**David Robinson**

# Noble master class

CONCERT

**Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra/ Jansons**
Barbican

A delayed flight, no lunch, a hasty rehearsal minutes before the audience entered the hall: lesser musicians might have become dispirited or rebellious, but the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra of Amsterdam ("Royal" since its centenary last November) simply seems incapable of falling into musical sin.

This performance of Sibelius's Second Symphony was a master class in the orchestral crafts. Sibelius's textures, full of overlaid themes and complex cross-rhythms, were so clearly and sympathetically delineated that many listeners must have felt as if they were looking for the first time at a detailed map of a long-familiar landscape.

The strings and woodwind shimmered virtuosically through the scherzo like a prolonged rustle of silk; the brass chorus spat and crackled their craggy outbursts towards a compelling impact; and the world's most cultured horn section brought a wealth of nuance to those urgent, rising motifs by which Sibelius seems to summon his diverse ideas towards apotheosis.

When that apotheosis came the Concertgebouw demonstrated that, though there are louder orchestras around, there is none with so noble a *forte*: a rich, perfectly integrated sound without an ounce of harshness or ostentatious glare.

In one sense, such an orchestra makes a conductor's task more difficult: expectations are very high. But Mariss Jansons offered a thoroughly prepared interpretation of much subtlety, full of sudden shifts in emphasis, and highly audacious in tempo changes. It erred, if at all, only by seeming to civilize some places which Sibelius possibly imagined as rough-hewn.

The immaculate platform rapport had not been so securely established earlier, in Brahms's First Piano Concerto, where the soloist, Stephen Bishop-Kovacevich, made his own bold changes of pace which occasionally caught Jansons by surprise. Nevertheless, the pianist's chunky, deliberately effortful style aptly accentuated this concerto's sense of epic struggle, to which the Concertgebouw's beautifully whispered playing in the slow movement provided the perfect foil.

**Richard Morrison**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# Odious sprawl

THEATRE

**The Plain Dealer**
The Pit

Some time during the lengthy first part (90 minutes) of this tart comedy, by Wycherley, fed up with the constant railery and the plot's inability to get a move on, I scrawled on my programme "charmless play"; and at the start of the second (75 minutes) part, when Ron Daniels, the director, advanced on the stage directions by arranging for Geraldine Alexander's male disguise to be ripped off and reveal her breasts, I amended my comment to "odious". This was no criticism of Geraldine Alexander's bosom, nor of Joanne Pearce's, on view a few moments earlier, but of exasperation with a sour comedy's dilatory plotting and general poor returns for time invested.

The play contrasts the gruff, plain dealing character of Manly (David Calder), newly back from sea, with a variety of affected Londoners – two fops, played by Tom Fahy and Mark Hadfield as giggling parrots with horrid mouths; the worthless Olivia (Pearce), whom Manly inexplicably trusted; sundry other dissemblers, including a litigious widow, trained in the law, who brings in a lumbering subplot of legal deception to give variety to the erotic and moral cheating displayed elsewhere.

The stage extends to the masonry of the far wall, painted patchy grey; the intention being, I dare say, to suggest that this will be a production that gives you the truth behind the fine words and fancies. Hence the general grub, the ripped jerkin, the uncut dialogue that exposes the emptiness of affectation over and over again.

The blunt and dogged manner Calder establishes for Manly looks too unvaried to be capable of change, but it cleverly prepares for his

DONALD COOPER

**Fop parrot: Mark Hadfield**

perplexity when love proves false, whereupon the performance conveys genuine distress. Joanne Pearce turns a pretty sneer in her assured performance as Olivia – the echo of *Twelfth Night* must be deliberate, even down to the girl go-between in breeches.

The amusing reversals of the last 30 minutes make one suspect that, well trimmed, this could be a racy play, perceived as razor sharp in its identification of the *mores* of 1676. I wish that had been the play we were given.

**Jeremy Kingston**

# Rather less than super

OPERA

**Der Meister und Margarita**
Paris Opéra

**Bulgakov's novel, like *King Lear*, has seduced several composers into operatic projects that remained projects: Nicholas Maw's and Nigel Osborne's are only two that we never had, two contributions to the tantalizing, fantastic image that has developed of a super-opera of the late 20th century. The real thing, as composed by York Höller, is rather less than this. By his own admission, his piece loses 95 per cent of the Bulgakov, and Hans Neuenfels's production makes short work of most of the rest.**

**Some of the problems spring from the change of medium, which introduces more than the usual snares. Bulgakov has several ways of interleaving his Pontius Pilate episodes into the main narrative, and is able to give them a distinct, quieter tone, whereas in the opera they are just part of the general melée. Also, the theatre has problems with the surreal. It is surprising in the book when nobody gets killed in the shoot-out between demons and police, but on the stage this is absolutely normal.**

**What is less easy to explain away is Höller's failure to put across the sprightly, ironical, Gogolian bite and energy of the book. Indeed, he even seems to have been determined to smooth over the surface. To take one tiny example, when Pilate inspects Matthew's notes for his forthcoming gospel, Bulgakov has him find Jesus's sayings mixed up with trivia: "There is no death . . . yesterday we ate sweet cakes." But in Höller's libretto the bathos is deleted, so that the whole feel of the episode is altered.**

**Irony is clearly not this composer's strong suit. Where he does try it – quoting from the *Symphonie fantastique*, for instance, in a funeral march for the editor Berlioz (no relation) – the effect is strained and destructive. This is not irony from within the work: it contributes nothing except the feeling that the composer is starting to panic.**

**As well he might. *Der Meister und Margarita* is full of orchestral invention, profiting as usual with Höller from *Stockhausen and Boulez*, but the vocal lines are undifferentiated, speaking the language of "modern opera" as it has been known since *Wozzeck*.**

**Both the scenes that still might work – Margarita's flight as a witch and Satan's ball – are killed stone-dead by the staging. The ball is about as daring as a bishop's cocktail party, and Margarita's flight is done in black-and-white film, with poor Karan Armstrong standing in the wind, flapping her coat, and looking earnest.**

**Apart from her brave performance as Margarita, Roland Hermann's powerful, intelligent Master stands out, and there is excellent work from a number of British singers. Richard Angas has a plum of a part as the bald, basso *profundo* Pilate (his scenes are also produced with some savage, punky resolve, the soldiers in mixed Roman and modern dress). Nicholas Folwell and Elizabeth Laurence are members of the devil's entourage, and Ian Caley is excellent as the suffering, confused poet. There are four more performances, the last on May 31.**

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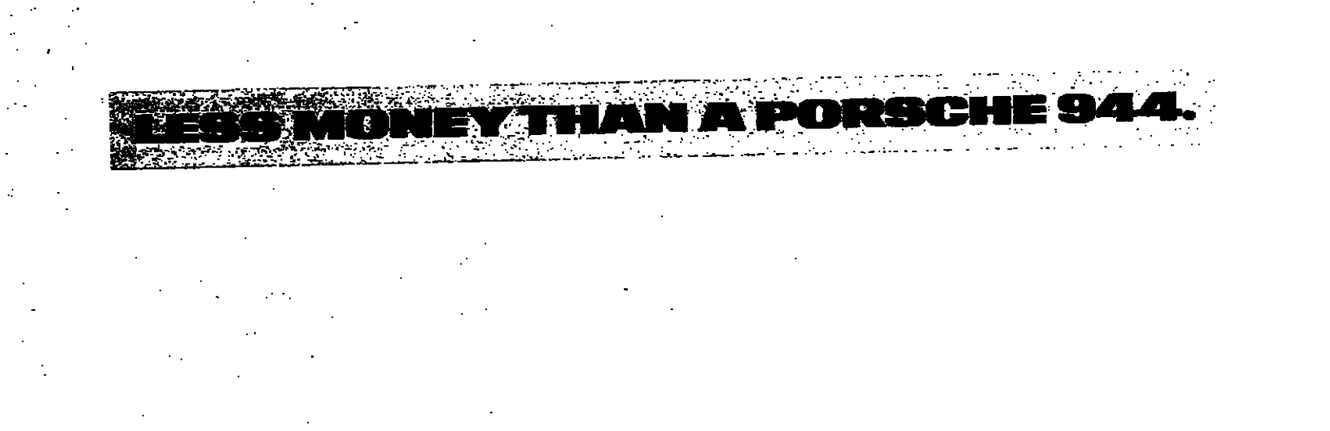


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# TIMES DIARY

MARTIN FLETCHER

Contrary to my earlier prediction, it seems Labour's George Galloway *is* in serious danger of deselection at Glasgow Hillhead next month. Moreover, the person threatening to oust him is the wife of a fellow Glaswegian MP. Galloway's constituency executive, you will recall, passed a vote of no confidence in him last year because of his womanizing and generous expense accounts while director of War on Want. A few weeks ago his future seemed secure because he had sewn up most of the trade unions who have up to 40 per cent of the total vote. I now learn, however, that not all the unions are likely to vote.

More importantly, four of the constituency's five wards have nominated Patricia Godman, wife of Greenock and Port Glasgow MP Norman Godman. Galloway has defied the party line by supporting non-payment of the poll tax. The party leadership will not be putting itself out to save his skin.

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Violinist Nigel Kennedy gave a charity concert at Salisbury Cathedral on Saturday night. Princess Margaret was guest of honour. The Wren Orchestra, down from London for the occasion, were instructed to play the national anthem as she entered. With the audience in their seats, there was a commotion in the main doorway at the back, so they duly struck up the opening bars of *God Save the Queen*. Unfortunately the new arrival turned out to be not Her Royal Highness but a somewhat nonplussed Edward Heath. Too late to stop, the orchestra had to complete the national anthem then play it again when genuine royalty arrived.

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There is but one Democrat candidate who has a serious chance of winning a seat in next month's Euro-elections: Paul Tyler, an MP for all of nine months in 1974, *who is fighting Plymouth and* Cornwall. He should be able to mobilize that huge old West Country Liberal vote. His agent is none other than Annette Penhaligon, widow of Truro's much-loved Liberal MP, David, killed in a car crash in 1986.

**● There was a time when being Sports Minister was regarded as the ultimate cushy number. Not any more. Colin Moynihan, responsible for introducing the identity card scheme, had to have a police escort to Wembley for Saturday's FA Cup final. As his car picked its way through the crowds, fans hurled abuse and banged on the roof.**

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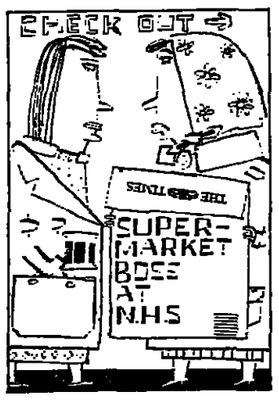
Tory MPs held rather a sober lunch to celebrate Mrs Thatcher's 10 years in power a couple of weeks back. Their Labour counterparts had much more fun. Two dozen of those first elected in 1979 held a rumbustious dinner at the Rosemary Branch theatre-restaurant in Islington on Monday night to celebrate their survival of the dark decade.

Leading the celebrations were Shadow Cabinet members Jack Straw, Frank Dobson and Martin O'Neill and the chief whip, Derek Foster. They had a cabaret entitled *Maggie's Environment* or *Victorian Values* and presented a copy of Labour's policy review document, *Meet the Challenge, Make the Change* to their colleague Stuart Holland. His way of meeting the challenge is not quite what the document's authors had in mind. He is changing Parliament for a lucrative academic job in Italy.

BARRY FANTONI




**'Of course, he knows all about the long queues'**

Christopher Brocklebank-Fowler is making an art of defection. He was the sole Tory MP to defect to the SDP during its heady early days in 1981, only to lose his Norfolk seat in 1983. With the SDP in the doldrums, he announced yesterday that he is moving again — *this time to the* Democrats. "Political common sense," he calls it. Another interesting sign of the times is that Neil Greatrex, president of the breakaway Union of Democratic Mineworkers, is pressing (with Neil Kinnock's backing, he claims) for re-admission to his local Ashfield Labour party, which ostracized him during the miners' strike. The Tories have meanwhile added a new name to their official candidates' list: that of Olympic gold medallist Sebastian Coe.

# Wary Bush waits for Moscow to deliver

**Fred Barnes** assesses a policy based on sustained pressure for reform rather than a readiness to swallow the spirit of glasnost

**Washington**

President Bush's job is different from that of any other American leader since the Second World War. Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter, even Reagan — their task was to fight Soviet expansion and to discredit communism as an economic and political model. Now the tide has turned and those battles are being won. Bush's job is to secure the victory.

Bush knows this. His administration has completed all but one (on strategic nuclear weapons) of its reviews of every aspect of American foreign policy. And there was one overarching conclusion: since the United States and the West are winning, don't screw things up. This has bred extremely cautious policies, which are exactly the kind Bush is most comfortable with. He buys the old American adage, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

The Bush approach, to the Soviet Union at least, has attracted the label "status quo plus". In fact, it is "status quo minus". Bush wants to maintain *economic and military pressure* because he believes, correctly, that they are promoting change in the Soviet Union.

That is what his predecessor, Ronald Reagan, believed too. But Reagan, in five summits with Mikhail Gorbachov, developed a romantic view of the Russians as potential friends and secret Christians. Bush does not share this.

So there is far less chance of bold *initiatives*, particularly sweeping concessions, towards the Soviet Union under Bush than there would have been if Reagan had served another term. Rather, Bush and his advisers are fearful of declaring victory too soon. They want to avoid, a senior Bush aide says, "doing things that are counterproductive, that relieve the pressure for reform [in the Soviet Union] or provide a reason not to go ahead with reform."

Before his May 12 speech on relations with Moscow, Bush considered about 20 policy shifts. In the speech, he included only two. And these — the old proposal for "open skies" and *an end to* trade restrictions if Moscow allowed more Jews to emigrate — are hardly far-reaching.

Soviet leaders expected more, but Bush insisted they will get *more only when they give more*. Reagan always said his attitude was "trust but verify". Bush's is "distrust or verify". In the most significant passage of his speech, Bush said: "A new relationship cannot simply be declared by Moscow, or bestowed by others. It must be earned. It must be earned because promises are never enough."

Bush's speech, including the phrase "beyond containment", was written by Robert Blackwill, the European expert on Bush's National Security Council staff. But it reflected the thinking of Robert Gates, the Deputy National Security Adviser and former second-in-command at the Central Intelligence Agency.

Gates, a scholar of Soviet affairs, is the administration's chief hardliner. Perhaps the most revealing statement of Bush's presidency so far was an April 1 speech by Gates in which he emphasized the endurance of the communist system over any changes instituted by Gorbachov.

"What we seek is a Soviet Union that is pluralistic internally, non-interventionist externally, observes basic human rights, contributes to international stability and tranquility, and a Soviet Union where these changes are more than an edict from the top and are independent of the views, power and durability of a single individual," Gates said. "We can hope for such change but all of Russian and Soviet history tells us to be sceptical and cautious."

Bush is both. He has reacted sourly to some of Gorbachov's concessions. His Secretary of State, James Baker, dubbed the withdrawal of 500 missiles from Europe "a PR gimmick". When Gorbachov said he would stop military shipments to Nicaragua, Bush's response was that he would believe it when he saw it. Intelligence reports to the White House say the aid continues.

The White House calculation is that Bush can get away with this because events are moving his way. History, for once, is on America's side. As a result, public diplomacy doesn't matter much. (Still, Bush is furious with the Press for playing up Gorbachov's gambits.) What is important is to keep the winning formula intact. This, in turn, affects Washington's policy towards Europe, China, Central America etc.

As recently as his speech in Boston on Sunday, Bush declared the unity of the Atlantic alliance to be a paramount concern. Yet in the policy review, West German concerns about battlefield nuclear weapons were not taken seriously. Even now, with the issue threatening to disrupt next week's Nato summit, Bush and his *advisers are firmly opposed to* eliminating tactical nuclear weapons or beginning negotiations soon.

Baker and the Defence Secretary, Richard Cheney, who disagree on such issues as the Strategic Defence Initiative (Cheney wants to move more rapidly on this than Baker does), agree that some nuclear weapons should stay in Germany, even if the Russians reduce their conventional forces. Having short-range nuclear weapons there is part of the pressure on Moscow.

Brent Scowcroft, the National Security Adviser, supports this, as does Blackwill. The only softliner is Robert Zoellick, the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, who says US policy should take into account the emergence of a new, less anti-Soviet generation of leaders in *Germany*.

In the policy review on China, Bush officials did not foresee a revolt by students or anyone else. And Bush has mixed feelings about it. He regards China not so much as a communist country but as an ally against the Soviet bloc. China is part of the pressure on the Russians.

> 'Bush regards China as an ally against the Soviet bloc—he has mixed feelings about the revolt'

Bush has a special affinity with Deng Xiaoping, who is supremely anti-Soviet. After Emperor Hirohito's funeral in February Bush visited China to meet Deng. While Bush wants democracy in China, he does not relish the toppling of Deng to achieve it. Thus his extraordinarily muted response to the student uprising. "I don't want to be gratuitous in giving advice," he said.

*In Central America, Bush* abandoned the quest for military aid for the Nicaraguan Contras. He had no choice because Congress was not going to provide the aid anyway. But his alternative was clever. He demanded that the Russians stop arms shipments to the Nicaraguan government. While acting from a position of weakness, he managed to put pressure on the Soviet Union. In the Bush administration, that's the one and only strategy for victory.

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**Raymond Plant**

# Don't write off retribution

Ninety-two years ago this week Oscar Wilde wrote to the *Daily Chronicle* complaining about the appalling conditions in British prisons, which he had observed at first hand in Reading Gaol. Little has changed. In the aftermath of Risley some commentators have suggested that our penal institutions are in such a state because we do not have a clear view of the aims of penal policy.

Attitudes towards punishment fall into three types: retribution, deterrence and rehabilitation. Retribution is not usually mentioned in polite company on the left who regard it as vengeance. They look instead to deterrence or rehabilitation. However, a strong humanitarian case can be made out for punishment as retribution, and that deterrence and rehabilitation are not as humane as they might first appear.

When originally developed, the deterrent theory appeared to be enlightened and humanitarian. But, like all utilitarian theories, it entrenches at its heart a manipulative view of social policy which can ride roughshod over individual rights. The justified punishment is the one that truly deters, and this lays no moral constraints on the nature and scope of the punishment or the degree to which it can be used to mould the individual to socially desirable ends.

> 'An eye for an eye should be taken as a strict rule of punishment suited to the nature of the crime'

It justifies exemplary sentencing so that, within limits, two people committing similar crimes at different times might be given widely different sentences because of variations in public concern. The criminal is to be dealt with in such a way as to produce the best consequences for society, and this puts no internal moral constraint on punishment other than social convention.

*Deterrence theories reject* rights and equity as fundamental to punishment and treat individual criminals as means to social goals. They also assume that we can know the likely deterrent consequences of particular forms of punishment, which is dubious.

In the 1960s, it was argued that the whole idea of punishment was primitive and should be replaced by rehabilitation and therapy. In its most extreme forms, such as Karl Menninger's *The Crime of Punishment*, criminal behaviour was seen as the symptom of a pathological personality disorder which was *the result of early nurture and* environmental influence.

To solve the problem of crime, it was said, we should not use the blunt instrument of punishment but rather look to the individual circumstances of each criminal and try, through therapy, to modify those features of his personality which disposed him to crime.

This put a lot of trust in *professional judgement about* the nature of the therapeutic regime and entrenched discretionary power with parole or probation officers, for example.

This professional authority in turn depended *on the view that* there was an explanation for human behaviour which would enable us to diagnose the nature of this personality disorder and the appropriate form of treatment. *This claim is highly* disputable and, in any case, is an ineffective ideal, given the nature of British prisons.

However, in common with the utilitarian view, it not only treats the criminal as an object of social policy but also seeks to change his character. It has a view of the human personality which makes it difficult to acknowledge that such people *have rights, because they are not* really responsible agents.

So what about the maligned retributive theory? Central to it is the doctrine that the individual criminal is responsible for his crime. Guilt then becomes the necessary and sufficient condition for punishment. It assumes that a person should be punished accord*ing to the social* abhorrence of the crime. This may be what lies behind the claim of an eye for an eye, in the biblical version of retribution — not that the punishment should exactly fit the crime, but rather that there should be a strict rule of punishment which follows from the nature of the crime.

The prisoner has a right to be treated as a responsible agent and according to a strict rule; not in such a way as denies this, as the *therapeutic approach* does, nor in a way that can be varied by the demands of social utility, which is central to the deterrent view.

Retribution also fundamentally differs from revenge, which is personal, acknowledges no internal limits, takes pleasure from the act, and is not generalizable. The whole point of the retributive theory is to stick to a *general* rule of just retribution.

The left in Britain is now interested in the idea of rights, citizenship and limitations of discretionary power of professionals. As such it should heed what in the US has come to be called the justice model of punishment, rather than rely on approaches which are manipulative, do not entrench equitable treatment and rely too much on *professional judgement*.

Guilt, responsibility, equity, restitution, expiation, are central to a retributive theory. In so far as other theories detach punishment from these values they may lead to a criminal justice system which does not command clear public support.

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# The American model Europe must avoid

**Janet Daley** warns against a unity riddled with inconsistencies

The Eurocentrisis' argument, which in its most extreme form advocates a United States of Europe, is a proposition favouring a union of an oddly incoherent kind. Taking the United States of America as at least some kind of prototype, the argument seems to run on the assumption that the American model of federation is itself unproblematic while at the same time proposing a degree of unification more extreme than the American system.

In US experience, a confederation of independently governed states is, in fact, riddled with intractable contradictions. It succeeds only to the extent that *every new political generation* finds an equilibrium between federal intervention and state sovereignty which outrages the fewest pressure groups.

Ever since Abraham Lincoln waged civil war against the southern states to stop them seceding from the Union, there has been more or less explicit conflict between the interests and sympathies of state and federal authorities. Until recent presidencies, such as those of Carter and Reagan, antipathy to Washington's power remained deeply ingrained in the South, where the federal government was regarded essentially as a northern outfit attempting to hoist liberal urban values on the stately old agrarian Confederacy.

The 1960s disputes over civil rights, most notably the desegregation of schools, made the shibboleth of "states' rights" an unsavoury cover for racist policies. But the tension between centralized control and state *autonomy is a permanent fixture* of American political life. Its endless debates and temporary resolutions provide a lesson for Europeans who see constitutional unification as an idyll of rationality and consensus.

It is of most interest, in terms of European debate, that those areas of public life which have proved almost irreconcilable to national agreement have been issues of social policy: not only attitudes to racial discrimination, but the treatment of criminality (i.e., capital punishment) and personal morality (abortion). The attempts to produce a consistent national position on questions like these have come closer to tearing the country apart than has any external threat.

To see why the superimposition of a national policy on say, capital punishment, is so explosively contentious, it is necessary to understand that every state in the US is in charge of its own criminal law. The policing, judiciary and criminal justice systems of each state are independent of one another to the extent that a criminal (unless wanted for a specifically *federal* offence) can escape prosecution by crossing the state boundary.

When the murders of civil rights workers threatened to go unpunished in the southern state where they were committed, the recourse for an outraged federal government was a roundabout appeal to the Constitution. By defining the killing of a person as the ultimate deprivation of his civil rights, murder could be classified as a federal offence and thereby come under Washington's jurisdiction. This kind of circuitous legalism constantly bedevils a federation of sovereign states affiliated by a written constitution.

Where the American union seems least troubled is in its delegation of taxation responsibilities. Here there is an ironic contrast with the Eurocentric lobbyists. Americans pay a universal federal income tax to support programmes of national government. They also pay taxes which vary enormously depending on the political complexion of the state government and its internal spending needs for infrastructure and social services.

Each state organizes its economy on its own fiscal and social priorities. Nevada receives enough revenue from its legalized gambling industry to make personal state taxes virtually non-existent. New York, with its enormous inner-city problems, levies high state taxes.

Decisions about what form and level this taxation should take are made internally and idiosyncratically, producing occasional absurd anomalies (crossing the state boundary to buy cheaper liquor is an old American custom). Indirect taxes, particularly sales taxes, are imposed in many states but are not universal. That is to say, the completely free market in goods and services which prevails between states in the US is quite unhampered by the lack of standardized point-of-sale taxation which we call VAT.

It is quite true that this lack of uniformity creates inequalities for producers of the kind feared by Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission. It is more expensive to produce and sell goods in some parts of the country than in others. What this means in practice is that the market sorts itself out. Industry has had to move from the more costly areas to the cheaper and more spacious (which often meant further west) and labour has had to move with it. Most significantly, poorer areas which marketed cheaper goods had a chance to increase their regional wealth by their extra competitiveness.

The American experience suggests that the operation of a deregulated free market between economically independent states is thoroughly feasible. What is *much more dubious is the social* and political harmonization of distinct regions with their own social histories. If the US, with its common language and degree of cultural homogeneity, finds this problem nearly insurmountable, what can be the prospect for Europe with its tenaciously individual national identities?

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# A network that's just a maze

GRIFF RHYS JONES

"If you go to the third floor, you'll find a tea bar open," said the dresser. So I did, because I need black, warm liquid poured into me at regular intervals. I got out of the lift and set off into uncharted Television Centre. The building is round. I passed the same fire hose for the third time before realizing that I was going in circles, not progressing towards *the tea bar at all.*

This is the BBC itself, methinks. Part old-fashioned servicemen's club, part monastery and part permanently closed, the infrastructure of the *BBC is its own convoluted metaphor.* Within the flagship, Broadcasting House, it is impossible not to get lost, so tortuous and confused are the corridors of Sound Broadcasting. When it was felt necessary to expand the offices, as Reith's monster puffed itself up, the BBC built or acquired the premises immediately behind. The premises in front had six storeys; the premises behind eight storeys. To get from one to another, descend to the basement and wander desolately in a subterranean labyrinth for an hour or so. Now go outside and start again.

Every BBC building has its "spur". There are annexes to the *annexe. Fire escapes are major* conduits. In Bristol, or Goonhilly, yellow-faced troglodytes wait in their cubby holes for legionnaire's disease or a pay rise to end their misery. But misery is their lot. They are part of an institution where the corridors do not join up. The stairs lead nowhere. The right hand does not know how to find out what the left hand is doing. This is BBC thinking.

So is the carpet. It is made of brown and yellow zig-zag lines that swim and wobble before your feet. It is everywhere. Does it represent interference? Loss of vertical hold?

Did you notice with what glee *senior management buckled* down as the strike hit home? Possibly not. Alan Sapper and the unions must have felt a chill run through their broadcasting systems. The whole shooting match *could be run by half a dozen suits* who last made a programme in 1965. And how they loved it. It was "nice to be nearer the coal face again". David Hatch, managing director of radio, was quoted *in the Observer as saying.* Oh come on, David! Let none of us pretend that making radio programmes has any resemblance to real work. It's not paid enough for a start.

Long ago the great jelly that is public broadcasting went through a spectacular metamorphosis. It turned itself upside down to become an inverted gelatin pyramid. It is not possible to pay the Indians more than the chiefs, so they make more chiefs, more editors, more controllers, more directors. No wonder there are plenty of them around to twiddle knobs when the workers walk out. No wonder they need annexes and spurs and Portakabins all over the shop. But the great BBC game of clambering up Aunty's skirts was created. You begin by acquiring a fistful of initials, AHDCPA. You seek to reduce them to just two: DG.

Of course, you are unlikely to get promoted to the sixth floor until you can find your way there without a map. Thus kids are discouraged from whizzing and outsiders have difficulty finding their way to their interview. It is impossible for a true BBC person to conceive of an outsider having anything to contribute, anyway. If you have not endured the privations of the system how can you inflict them on others?

Up there, somewhere, is a quiet office containing the Head of Doing Nothing in Particular Except Going to the Occasional International Film Festival as the Representative of the Best Broadcasting System in the World.

Let nobody be disabused. It *is the best broadcasting* system in the world. How could it be anything else? A man who runs a department with seven subheads, a couple of editors, three or four assistant editors and thousands of inter-departmental meetings to go to every week has very little time to watch television. Over in lean Mrs Thatcher's Independent Broadcasting Land, a few sharp-eyed men scrutinize their ratings. How are things doing? Are we getting our money's worth? Are people who buy electric hedge-trimmers watching our programmes? Back at the BBC the vast shuddering jelly of a bureaucracy does not yet know how to stop good programmes being made. It is a grave mistake to force them to learn.

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# ON JUDGMENT

Senior judges of the English courts handed down their verdict yesterday on the radical proposals of their chief, the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern. On his case for the restructuring of the legal profession, they have found against him on two essential points.

They oppose the opening of general advocacy in the higher courts to those who are not barristers; and they oppose the transfer of the supervision of professional training and discipline out of their own hands to a committee appointed by the Government. These are closely related objections, and indeed the second point, which at first seems the more technical, is probably the more fundamental.

It is certainly where the judges are on strongest ground. The difficulty, however, is that it forms a link in the chain of logic of the whole, and it is not easy to see how the judges' persuasive objections can be met without undermining most of what the Lord Chancellor is trying to achieve.

Logic is the great strength of Lord Mackay's position, as befits the thinking of one who was a mathematician before he became a lawyer. He started the Green Paper which he published in January with a simple statement of first principles, from which he went on to deduce a basis for the provision of legal services which only occasionally intersected with the present system, and only then, it seemed, by chance.

Faced now with the public and professional response, including yesterday's monumental document from more than a hundred High Court and Appeal Court judges, that very logical consistency has become a problem for him. A more pragmatic set of proposals would have made it easier to offer concessions to his critics where they had a good point.

The right of audience in the higher courts, according to the Green Paper, should be awarded to all who are qualified. Supervision of the right should be in the hands of a body which stands apart from the various branches of the legal profession and their sectional interests, namely the Lord Chancellor's department itself, advised by a mainly lay committee, working according to a published code of conduct.

This system would let in any solicitor or indeed a member of any other profession, for instance a chartered accountant, who could show himself adequately equipped and experienced. But the proposal that a Government department should assume responsibility for the licensing and disciplining of advocates is a dangerous one, as the judges have said.

At present the right of audience is controlled by the judges themselves, and they are now and for the forseeable future likely to be almost exclusively former barristers (though they have sensibly conceded that ex-solicitors among the judges of the county courts should be eligible for the High Court bench.) As a result there is a continuity of professional background and a unity of ethos between judges and those who appear before them; and a barrister who misbehaves will be called to account within the terms of that ethos by the judges themselves when they act in their capacity as policemen of the Bar's standards.

The relationship between a barrister and a judge is a subtle one, and it is no coincidence that the former are known as "counsel", one who advises on the law. They advise their clients; but they also advise the court, and their professional duty requires that they do so fairly. Judges greatly appreciate the help that a good barrister can give them, and "good", to a judge, is not necessarily synonymous with single-minded loyalty to a client's interests. It is an axiom of the Bar that a barrister's first duty is to the court.

The Bar prides itself on being a close-knit professional community, in which sharp practice is quickly spotted and corrected by all the implicit and explicit pressures of community life. They work together in chambers, which are grouped together in the Inns. Standards are set from the top by the influence of the judges themselves, and by leading counsel and heads of chambers, all of whom belong to that same professional community.

It is this system which the judges were defending yesterday, as the Bar Council did in its own evidence to Lord Mackay three weeks ago. And in both cases the problem is its intangibility: the public has to take it more or less on trust that it works, and has shown an increasing reluctance to do so.

It is a hard match for the mathematical logic of Lord Mackay's approach, which has the appeal of simplicity, rationality and objectivity. The Lord Chancellor's difficult task now is to apply his remarkable ingenuity and intelligence to devizing a variation on his first thoughts which would preserve his own basic principles but accommodate as far as possible those principles most dear to his brothers in the judiciary.

# LABOUR'S EUROPE

In six years Mr Neil Kinnock has reversed Labour's attitude to the European Community. The party's manifesto in 1983 declared that the next Labour government would be "bound to find continued membership a most serious obstacle". Withdrawal was, therefore, "the right policy for Britain" or, as Mr Kinnock himself put it more crudely at the time: "We want out of the Common Market."

Today Mr Kinnock declares that Labour wants Britain to take full advantage of working with "our European partners". Indeed, a main theme of its campaign for next month's elections to the European Parliament is that Labour is now more constructively European in spirit and in intention than is Mrs Thatcher.

Although Labour's new claim to be the better European party is hard to credit, its new unqualified commitment to Europe is to be welcomed. It is a constructive move forward, whatever its debt to expediency. Most of the policy positions outlined yesterday in the party's manifesto for the European elections were sensible enough.

Labour commits itself, for instance, to making the single market work and it accuses the Conservatives of failing to prepare Britain adequately for 1992. It wants reform of the CAP and higher environmental standards, while it opposes full-scale monetary union and harmonizing of VAT just as the Conservatives do.

On these and other main issues there is nothing to choose between Labour's position and that of the Conservatives. Labour too is highly cautious, not to say timorous, about joining the EMS, which Mr Kinnock himself discussed yesterday in terms hardly different from Mrs Thatcher's formula that it can only be done when the time is right.

The main issue of substance between the parties is the claim of the European Commission to lay down for all member states a social law on industrial relationships and worker participation. Labour accuses the Tories of wanting a market without a community and deregulation without social obligation. But the reality is that Mr Kinnock, like M Delors, sees the Commission's social policy as advancing the socialist cause in all the member states, while to Mrs Thatcher it is socialism by the back door.

Mr Kinnock's tactic of presenting himself as "the better European" ought not to work. But, because of the impression left by some of Mrs Thatcher' recent utterances, Mr Kinnock could well make headway on this argument. He is helped by the division of opinion within the Tory party over Mrs Thatcher's attitudes.

Labour's new Europeanism will blend with its campaign to secure from the voters an adverse judgement on 10 years of Thatcherism. It is a platform shaky in logic. None the less, Mrs Thatcher and the Tories will not easily defeat Labour's campaign unless the tone of their rhetoric on Europe in the coming weeks gives fewer hostages to fortune than it has done hitherto.

# THE IVORY TRADE

The Government's decision to support calls for a total ban on the international ivory trade is the first in the European Community and very welcome. But Britain and others may have to do much more if the African elephant is to be saved from extinction in the next decade.

When the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (Cites) was signed in 1973, the Indian elephant was immediately placed in Appendix One, which bans the trade in its products altogether. But its African cousin was covered by Appendix Two, which allows a controlled trade to carry on.

This was because up to 2,000,000 of those great beasts still roamed the bush. No special threat to their future was foreseen. Since then, however, their population has declined, to 700,000 at most – and possibly to only half that number.

Tanzania and Kenya have led the way in demanding that it now be upgraded to Appendix One. Britain is now one of five more countries to support them – in advance of the next Cites conference in October.

Whether this is enough, however, remains doubtful. For one thing the convention applies only to the 102 countries which have signed it. For example it excludes the United Arab Emirates, although Dubai is an important centre of illegal trading.

Even those countries which *have* signed it can make a "reservation" to opt out of a particular provision. Japan for instance, the biggest single market for ivory, will need to have its tiny ecological conscience firmly pricked. So too will Hong Kong which, with an ivory trade worth $50 million, may resent interference or pressure from Whitehall.

Support for the East African initiative is by no means unanimous anyway. The chief threat to the elephant comes not from the legitimate trade but from the poachers, who are responsible for most of the 70,000 killed each year. As the poachers flout the international convention already, why, it may be asked, should the proposed change make any difference? There is a risk that by banning international dealing altogether the trade would move completely underground.

The new rules would certainly be difficult to administer. The ban would be on international dealing in "new ivory" which has been obtained after the new ruling has come into force (probably next January). But, as raw ivory has a long life in the warehouse, the job of customs officers and police in distinguishing between old and new consignments would be hard.

According to this argument, international effort should concentrate not so much on changing the law as on trying to reinforce the present one. The richer countries should help the Third World catch the criminals by supplying them with more funds and equipment. At the same time they should encourage conservation measures to rebuild declining elephant herds in Africa.

The power behind these arguments should not, however, deflect this Government or any others from their purpose. A total ban would at least help to remove confusion over which batch of fresh ivory is legal and which is not.

The Government should, indeed, press for an immediate ban by the European Community, without waiting for the Cites meeting in October. If other parts of the world followed this lead it might inhibit a rise in the slaughter before next January.

The world can live happily without ivory. Some manufacturers still use it for piano keys, but most now use bone or other substitutes. The world would survive without the elephant. But it would be a sadder place – and later generations might wonder at the profligate, needless slaughter.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Step by step to wage awards

*From Lord Campbell of Alloway, QC*

Sir, Has not the time come when some statutory régime should be devised for orderly resolution of disputes over pay and conditions of work in publicly-owned transport undertakings? Is it not appropriate that before industrial action of any kind may be taken lawfully, resort to formal arbitration should be requisite?

Whilst acknowledging the overriding rights at common law to terminate on due notice, ought not a condition (to ensure arbitration) be a standard term of the contract of employment?

If acceptable in principle, proposals for implementation could be set out in a Green Paper. It is not suggested that the arbitral award should have legal effect after due determination of the contract of employment. It is, however, suggested that the jurisdiction of the High Court should be extended not only to order resort to arbitration in this regard, but also to grant relief, at the suit of any interested person adversely affected.

These matters, and the composition of the tribunal, indeed the form and substance of proposed legislation, cannot be resolved without the full consideration of debate in Parliament. But surely in the "step by step" approach the public interest demands that yet another step be taken in this direction?

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
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May 18.

## Taxis and pollution

*From Mr Warren Peston*

Sir, In reply to Dr Tim Oliver's observations (May 17) concerning single passengers in taxis on the day of the Tube and bus strike, his suggestion of taxi-sharing and meters to apportion fares has already been tried and proved to be a total failure. (I write as a London taxi driver).

In October, 1986, shared taxi-ranks were appointed at many BR main-line stations and at Heathrow Airport and each taxi driver had an alternative fare table to accommodate such rides. The savings could have been as much as £10 per person on a ride from Heathrow Airport to King's Cross station, as an example.

Unfortunately, the majority of taxi riders showed complete apathy and after a lengthy trial period the experiment just fizzled out. The majority of British people like to keep themselves to themselves and maybe do not like to be in an enclosed area with a complete stranger. Also, with the upsurge of violence in London, one may never know what type of person one might be sharing with.

Yours faithfully,
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Edgware, Middlesex.
May 18.

## Letterbox standards

*From Mr John F. Martin*

Sir, Having delivered locally some 3,000 leaflets in the recent county election, I have every sympathy with the lot of the postman. Many letterboxes are practically at ground level, requiring an all-fours attitude for delivery. Very strong draught excluders resist ingress of material. Vertical apertures with the hinge at the top mean that two hands are required for insertion. Delivery is exacerbated in many cases where there is a fierce dog inside, ready to chew anything inserted – fingers included!

Is it not time that, at least for new houses, there should be a standard type of opening for letters, on or near the front door? Where there is some distance between a house and the footpath there should be a lockable box on a post where the house path joins the sidewalk – as is normal in the USA.

Yours truly,
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May 12.

## Dead-heat elections

*From Mr J. R. Tait*

Sir, Tossing a coin to decide the result of a dead-heat election (letters, May 13, 17, 22) is frivolous and wilfully neglectful of the opinions and needs of at least half of the voting electorate. Is it too much to expect that politicians could have common sense sufficient to ask each candidate to serve half of the term of office?

Yous faithfully,
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Northumberland.

## Loss of ancient sites

*From Viscountess Hanworth*

Sir, Mr David Brook's laudable indignation (May 10) about the loss of the Roman site of Lambousa in North Cyprus is misdirected. It may have been "wantonly destroyed", but not by the Turkish Army.

In 1913 the late John L. Myres conducted a thorough investigation of what he called "a continuous ruin-field, extending from the seafront about half a mile south of the Lampousa [*sic*] promontory and the same distance east of the fishing cove". His conclusion was that the area had been systematically robbed by local people for building material since the Middle Ages. His published report is to be found in the proceedings of the British School of Athens for 1946.

Mr Brook's letter carries the implication that the Turkish Army ought not to occupy the site; but there is a 20-year tradition for this. In 1969 Osbert Lancaster reported of Lambousa: "Now, alas, it has been taken over by the army and one can only view the remains accompanied by a suspicious and resentful Greek conscript". There are very many instances where armies' requirements are in conflict with those of conservationists, and it is doubtful whether English people ought to throw stones; has Mr Brook spared a thought for Cranborne Chase or Salisbury Plain?

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## Striking a balance in the EC debate

*From the Editor of* New European

Sir, There can be no doubt that the European situation has become somewhat bizarre and *The Times* leader (May 18) was welcome as introducing an element of sense and balance into the debate. We need to look at Europe (not just the EC countries, though *all* should eventually become the real *Community*) as a whole. Leaving aside the matters which are global, there are four significant levels of decision-making within Europe.

First there are, as the editorial pointed out, some issues that affect all Europe: environment – though not all environmental issues – is a good example. Rabies might well be another, and the Commission has just put proposals to the countries outside the EC, including the Eastern bloc, for using oral vaccines to wipe it out. Rabid dogs would certainly not recognise national boundaries!

Trade might be another, although perhaps this would be more appropriately left to GATT to deal with (the effort should be put into making GATT work). The truly European issues should be clearly defined and the Commission should limit itself to direct involvement in these, *and in these alone*, and concentrate on doing its limited work effectively.

Secondly, there are issues which may affect parts of Europe greater than any one nation state, and common policies should be devised for the parts concerned, and only those parts. For example, countries on the North Sea might share in a North Sea environmental common policy, whereas those on the Mediterranean should have a Mediterranean policy. Such common policies that cover more than one nation state but need not be Europe-wide could come under the auspices of the Community, but not under its direct control.

Thirdly, there are the nation states. It should be up to their governments and their parliaments to see that nothing that could be done at the national level was passed up to any higher authority. On the whole, this seems to be precisely what the Prime Minister is doing. Above this level the party political approach should hardly be relevant.

Fourthly, there are intimate and local levels of government. Likewise it is up to the representatives of the interests of the people to see that nothing that can be dealt with at these levels is passed up to the higher levels.

Such an approach does not imply opposition to a social discussion or any of the well-intended regulations of the European institutions; it merely insists on one of the fundamentals of all good government, namely that regulations should be made and applied as closely as possible to the people whom they affect.

There is no surer way of getting any institution discredited than for it to apply regulations which people know in their hearts are inappropriate for them. If it is to endure in the new volatile geo-political situation which is developing, this is the lesson that the European Community must learn.

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*From Sir David Crouch*

Sir, Michael Binyon, in his article (May 19) on the European Commission's proposed social charter of workers' rights, rightly deplores the attitude of the Government in its outright opposition to the idea. Mrs Thatcher has condemned it as "backdoor socialism" and will have nothing to do with it.

Surely we have something to contribute to improving industrial relations of a positive nature rather than adopting the Victorian stance that the managers alone know best what is good for a company.

I was trained in an enlightened company, ICI, where I found that I had a voice in what was decided. As long ago as 1926, when the company was founded, its first chairman, Sir Alfred Mond, said:

We still read about employers and employees, about masters and men; whereas we all know that they are all employed . . . The true phrase today is "co-workers in industry".

A liberal approach, perhaps, but to the employed person no less important than the bottom line.

I have always believed in consultation and cooperation between manager and employee. In the Armed Services it is vital (the officers might be killed); in industry it is not social engineering, it is common sense. It has not done any harm to the West German economy, and from my personal observation there it has given employees the status of being valued partners in their business activity.

If the Government are seriously afraid it might lead to "backdoor socialism" they should go to the Community with their argument and not just their anger. They owe that to the electorate who voted for our partnership in Europe.

Yours faithfully,
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## Deep-seated desire

*From Mr Brian Drakeford*

Sir, Whilst sympathising with a 16-stone, 50-year-old father's plight when he undertakes a two-hour stint on a school chair, I fear Mr Wysock Wright (May 19) has not quite got the picture with respect to school finances today. He suggests that "it would not be a major capital expenditure to buy some sensibly-sized chairs" when in fact the cost involved would be impossible for a school alone to carry.

I received the grand sum of £21.55 for each of my pupils for the school year 1988-89 and I know to the penny how that was spent. Fixed expenditure items such as toilet paper, soap, etc. (£1.01 per child), general stock (£2.02), and printing reports to governors in accordance with DES requirements (£0.26) all cost the school £9.24 per child before any consideration of the curriculum could be made. Then, in partnership with my staff and the school's governors, the remaining £12.31 per child was distributed between curriculum areas, in accordance with our agreed objectives. And that is that.

In order to provide more suitable chairs for gatherings of parents I estimate I would need to find another £14 per child (if I could negotiate a 30 per cent discount) and then somewhere outside the school in which to store them for the 280 days of the school year when they would not be in use (there being no adequate storage space in the building).

Finally, I would need to renegotiate a county council-approved post description for the person, as yet unknown, who would be required to remove the chairs from store after the afternoon session, clean them, set them up, and later return to store, prior to the beginning of the morning session the following day.

Welcome to the real world, Mr Wysock Wright!

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN DRAKEFORD
(Headteacher),
Appleton School, Appleton Road,
Kingston-upon-Hull,
North Humberside.

*From Mr D. G. Fowler-Watt*

Sir, As the headmaster of one of the children to whom Mr Wysock Wright refers, I am writing in answer to the point he makes concerning the appalling discomfort suffered by generations of parents and grandparents at school functions over the years.

I would agree with him that this is something that should not have to be tolerated in this day and age. With this in mind, we have designed and built, recently, a fine auditorium with imaginatively constructed upholstered bench seating, which not only provides ample leg room and total back support, but also offers total comfort both to the the 10-year-old and the 16-stone 50-year-old.

I am sorry that Mr Wysock Wright was not able to have the benefit of this as a parent, but perhaps he may do so one day as a grandparent!

Yours faithfully,
D. G. FOWLER-WATT,
Headmaster, Brambletye,
East Grinstead, Sussex.
May 19.

## Defining poverty

*From Dr C. B. Goodhart*

Sir, Those who are critical of Mr Moore's denial that poverty exists today in Britain (report, May 12; letters, May 17, 18) are really talking about *misery*, which does indeed still exist. But poverty and misery are not the same: poverty (that is to say, a lack of the things which money can buy) may often be accompanied by misery, but it is nevertheless possible to be poor but happy, and certainly also possible to be rich and miserable.

One may sympathize with the clergy, who are among Mr Moore's more vociferous critics, if in this secular age they are finding it difficult to deal with misery, although that is their proper function. But they should be careful about criticizing others for failing to deal with it any better. Providing more money may do something to alleviate poverty; but this by itself won't cure misery.

Yours etc.,
C. B. GOODHART,
Gonville and Caius College,
Cambridge.
May 18.

## Muslim case for separate schools

*From Mr Ibrahim B. Hewitt*

Sir, Your leader, "Paying for a dream" (May 18), is sadly misleading on a topic which is rapidly becoming notable for misrepresentations in the media. Your old, flagging, arguments against Muslim voluntary-aided schools are stated with no apparent thought for their reasoning, unlike those of Professor Hiskett and the Social Affairs Unit (report, May 18) who, you admit, "published a reasoned case in favour of . . . State-funded Muslim schools".

"Surviving institutions" or not, Church of England schools *are* denominational and, despite your claims, there is no logic in denying Muslims such schools whilst maintaining Church of England, Roman Catholic, and Jewish schools. To do so is blatantly discriminatory in this, your beloved "secular, liberal democracy".

You claim that "Islam is not a European faith"; true, it's a world-wide faith, born in the Middle East, as were Judaism and Christianity. Resort to such petty ethnocentricity highlights the shallowness of your arguments.

Why claim that Darwinism is "rejected" in Muslim schools when it is taught alongside other scientific *theories*? From your leader, one would think that Darwinism is *fact* acceptable to *all*.

We believe that single-sex Muslim schools will actually increase the career opportunities for Muslim girls, who presently seriously under-achieve in State schools under the "influence of the majority culture of Western Europe".

Yes, we have a right to our dreams and, as taxpayers, while the law allows it (and others avail themselves of it) we have a right to have our dreams paid for by the State. To deny British Muslims this denies the very basis of democracy.

Yours faithfully,
IBRAHIM B. HEWITT,
(General Secretary),
Islamia Schools Trust,
2 Digswell Street, N7.

## Cattle disease

*From Mr Peter H. J. Jackson*

Sir, The Ministry of Agriculture has recently got its way in minimising the compensation to farmers with a beast that has been destroyed having contracted bovine spongiform encephalopathy (report, May 19). Compensation is 50 per cent of the price that the farmer would have achieved with a healthy beast.

Surely the way to contain this deadly and serious disease in the shortest possible time is to incentivise farmers to locate and report BSE. A premium over the price of a healthy animal of £100 should do the trick.

Yours faithfully,
PETER H. J. JACKSON,
21 Malmains Way,
Beckenham, Kent.

*From the President, Bacon and Meat Manufacturers' Association*

Sir, Geoffrey Cannon, in his article (Spectrum, May 19), advises us not to eat meat products, at least until cows' brains and spinal cord are banned for human consumption.

All members of the BMMA had already undertaken not to use these in meat products, together with other parts of the carcass which the consumer would not expect to find in them. They are bound by codes which also embrace methods of manufacture and temperatures and which are independently monitored by the Meat and Livestock Commission through regular factory visits and product analysis.

Meat products have made an important contribution to the nation's diet for many centuries. Your readers may rest assured that they are being produced by our members to standards which will allow consumers to enjoy them with confidence in the years ahead.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID SAMWORTH,
President,
Bacon and Meat Manufacturers' Association,
19 Cornwall Terrace, NW1.

## Farm hazards

*From Mrs Barbara Hyde*

Sir, A man in a white boiler suit and a white hat, thick black rubber gloves, thick black boots – and a *mask!* What can this be? A worker from a chemical warfare factory? No! This is the local farm labourer and having filled his tractor with pesticide/fertiliser he trundles forth to the fields around my house and sprays.

Where is my mask? Where is the mask for my children? God help us!

Yours faithfully,
B. J. HYDE,
Caters Farm, Cowlinge,
Newmarket, Suffolk.

## Cack-handed

*From Mr John Harthman*

Sir, Mrs Leeming (May 16) and her son-in-law may wish to consider the use of "technopeasant", coined (in contrast to "technocrat") by a colleague about two years ago. This is still in use in our office to describe people baffled by computers, word-processors, electronic mail and other wizardry.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN HARTHMAN,
42 Gisborne Road,
Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

# COURT AND SOCIAL

## COURT CIRCULAR

HM YACHT BRITANNIA
May 23: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh, attended by the Countess of Airlie, the Right Hon Douglas Hurd, MP (Secretary of State for the Home Department, Minister in Attendance) and Mrs Hurd, the Right Hon Sir William Heseltine, Rear-Admiral Sir Paul Greening, Mr Kenneth Scott, Mr Robin Janvrin, Brigadier Clive Robertson, Surgeon Captain Norman Blacklock, RN, Miss Catherine Bannister and Commander Timothy Laurence, RN, arrived in Guernsey this morning.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness, having disembarked from the Royal Yacht in St Peter Port, were received by the Lieutenant-Governor of Guernsey (Lieutenant-General Sir Alexander Boswell) and the Bailiff (Sir Charles Frossard) and inspected a Guard of Honour of the Elizabeth College Combined Cadet Force.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh drove to Beau Sejour Leisure Centre, and attended an Island Gathering at which the Bailiff read a Loyal Address of Welcome to which Her Majesty was graciously pleased to make reply.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness afterwards viewed an Exhibition of ancient Charters of Guernsey at the Royal Court House, and walked to the Town Church where they were received by the Very Reverend Jeffery Fenwick (Dean of Guernsey).

Later The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, opened the Queen Elizabeth II Marina and unveiled a commemorative stone.

Her Majesty, accompanied by His Royal Highness, subsequently honoured the Bailiff and the States of Guernsey with her presence at luncheon at the Royal Hotel.

This afternoon The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh visited Saumarez Park and viewed a display of old Guernsey crafts, escorted by Miss D. Meldrum (President, National Trust of Guernsey), and of Guernsey cattle and goats, escorted by Mr B. J. Girard (President, Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness afterwards visited Cambridge Park and drove past uniformed youth organisations and elderly and handicapped people. After visiting Government House, The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh drove to New Jetty and met members of the Lifeboat crew, Ambulance Air Rescue Service and Channel Islands Air Search.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh then returned on board HM Yacht Britannia.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness gave a dinner party on board this evening. The following had the honour of being invited: His Excellency and the Lieutenant-Governor and Lady Boswell, the Bailiff of Guernsey and Lady Frossard, the Deputy Bailiff of Guernsey and Mrs Graham Dorey, the Seigneur of Sark and Mrs Michael Beaumont, the Dean of Guernsey and Mrs Jeffery Fenwick, Jurat and Mrs Brian Joy, Jurat and Mrs Harry Bisson, Jurat and Mrs Herbert Machon, Jurat James Carey, Her Majesty's Procureur and Mrs De Vic Carey, Her Majesty's Comptroller and Mrs Christopher Day, Conseiller and Mrs Roydon Falla, Conseiller and Mrs Roger Berry, Conseiller and Mrs John Henry, Conseiller Richard Ozanne, Deputy and Mrs Barry Lovell, Deputy Miss Valerie Renouf, Deputy and Mrs Dan Le Cheminant, Deputy and Mrs Paul de Garis, Douzaine Representative and Mrs Peter Hocart, the Chief Officer of Police and Mrs Michael Le Moignan, Captain and Mrs David Hodgetts.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh subsequently held a Reception on board.

The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded Mrs John Dugdale as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 23: The Princess Royal this morning visited the Ford New Holland Limited Tractor Plant, Cranes Farm Road, Basildon, Essex on the occasion of the Factory's Silver Jubilee. Her Royal Highness was received on arrival by Mr R. P. Laurie (Vice Lord-Lieutenant for Essex).

This afternoon, The Princess Royal, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, visited David Evans and Company, Bourne Road, Crayford, Kent (Managing Director, David Evans, Vanners and Company Limited, Mr D. Tooth).

Mrs Richard Carew Pole was in attendance.

This evening, The Princes Royal, Patron, The Home Farm Trust, attended a special Gilbert and Sullivan Evening at the Savoy Hotel, London (Chairman, Board of Governors, The Home Farm Trust, Mr W. Peck).

Mrs Malcolm Innes was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
May 23: Ruth, Lady Fermoy has succeeded the Lady Elizabeth Basset as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 23: The Prince of Wales, Honorary Commodore, HM Coastguard Service, visited Thames Coastguard Station at Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex.

Subsequently His Royal Highness, President, the King's Fund, visited the Community Orthopaedic Project in Essex, at Oldchurch Hospital, Romford.

His Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Major Christopher Lavender was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales gave a reception for the Bodleian Library at Kensington Palace, W8.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, Relate, visited Bristol Relate, 133 Cheltenham Road, Bristol.

Subsequently Her Royal Highness opened the Barleywood Residential Treatment Centre, Long Lane, Wrington, Avon.

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Miss Alexander Loyd was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 23: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was present this evening at "A Vice Regal Evening" held at the Durbar Court, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Whitehall, in aid of Invalid Children's Aid Nationwide, of which Her Royal Highness is President.

The Hon Mrs Whitehead was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 23: The Duchess of Kent returned to Royal Air Force Northolt this evening following a visit to Northern Ireland.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Miss Sarah Partridge.

## Chelsea Flower Show

# Imagination blossoms in a suburban garden

By Alan Toogood, Horticulture Correspondent

**Some of the outside gardens at the Chelsea Flower Show lack imagination, but not so the B & Q exhibit, which has been judged best in show.**

**Designed by David Stevens of Buckingham, it is entitled Reflections of Today and shows how an average long, narrow, suburban garden can be turned into a series of outdoor rooms, each with a different atmosphere and elements of surprise.**

**Like many of this year's Chelsea gardens, David Stevens's plant schemes are subtle and rely heavily on foliage plants for year round interest and easy maintenance.**

**The design is linear but vistas run side to side rather than length ways, and features an old style summer house as a focal point.**

**To celebrate its diamond jubilee the Alpine Garden Society has created a superb tufa rock garden with matching artificial stone sinks. Raised beds formed of railway sleepers contrast pleasantly with the rock garden.**

**Unlike several of Chelsea's rock gardens, this design, by Mr Mike Upward, secretary of the Alpine Garden Society, with his peat and woodland garden created by Mrs Kath Dryden, is affordable and would blend well into a modern garden.**

**The rose garden exhibited by Sudeley Castle, of Winchcombe, Gloucestershire, and stonemasons Richard England, of Yeovil, Somerset, in a courtyard setting, is a tranquil romantic retreat, the air heavily scented from old fashion roses supplied by Roses Du Temps Passe, of Stretton, Staffordshire. The garden was designed by Chelsea-medal winner Jane Fearnley-Wittingstall, of Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire.**

**The small courtyard gardens exhibited by societies affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society are attracting attention. The design which most reflects the idea of a courtyard – a cool shady retreat – is that from the Monk Sherborne Horticultural Society, Hampshire. This green and white garden has the essential ingredient, water, in the form of well. White arum lilies and roses are among the plants used to create a cool atmosphere.**

**Among the unusual and perhaps unattainable gardens at Chelsea is "Watershed", from the Merrist Wood Agricultural College of Worplesdon, Surrey. This features a waterfall three metres wide and nearly two metres high, perhaps one of the most appropriate gardens in the light of the current heatwave.**

**It has become apparent at this show that mazes are now big business. At least Mr Randoll Coate, of Loudon, who laid out the Chelsea maze, spends his working life designing them for clients here and abroad. The Chelsea maze, created from yew, is in the form of a passion flower but really needs to be viewed from above to be appreciated.**

## Requiem eucharist

**Mr Robert Lyle**

The Bishop of London was the principal celebrant and gave an address at a requiem Eucharist for the life of Mr Robert Lyle held yesterday in the Church of St Sepulchre-without-Newgate.

He was assisted by the Rev Arthur Brown and the Rev John Shepherd. The Rev Robert Law read the lesson. Among other present were:

Mr Robbie Lyle (son), Mrs Frances Sanvico (daughter), Lord and Lady Wyatt of Weeford (brother and sister-in-law), Miss Edna Frances (sister-in-law), Mrs Honor Wyatt, Mrs P Anderton.

Lord and Lady Roderic Pratt, Mrs Graham Leonard, Lord Stevens of Luggate, Sir Frank Layfield, QC, and Lady Layfield, Sir Patrick Sergeant, Sir George Allen, Sir Martin Wilkinson, Mr Ken Sinclair (representing Barclays Bank, Barclays de Zoete Wedd and the International Stock Exchange Council), Mr S Maitland (Pearl Group), Mr Robin McGibbon (Minister Trust), Mr Brian Peppiatt (S G Warburg), Mr Akroyd, Rowe and Pitman, Mullens (Securities), Mrs Michelle Bate (Smith and Williamson Securities) with Miss Isabel Drummond.

Captain David Buchan of Auchmacoy, Mr Nicholas de Zoete, Mr Simon de Zoete, Captain and Mrs Adrian Pratt, Major-General John Cowley, Rear-Admiral R C Dunnrock, Mrs Sue Manlie, Mrs Mary Margetson, Mrs L de Grunwald, Mr John Wells, Mr R W J Allen, Miss Olive Appleton, Mr George Balson, Mr S Bishop, Mr Geoffrey Bowler, Mr Colin Brown, Mr Geoffrey Browne, Mrs Kate Burnett, Mr Wallace Clapperton, Mr Howard Coates, Mr Rex Cooper, Miss June Collin, Mr and Mrs Tom Daniels, Mr and Mrs J G Day, Mr and Mrs J R G Downs, Mr and Mrs Michael Evans, Mr and Mrs Michael Gibbs, Mr Roger Gibbs.

Mr David Gillespie, Mr Alistair Grant, Mr and Mrs Simon Frisby, Mr Brian Grayson, Mr Dick Dorlacher, Mr Brian Gregory, Mr Tim Gopsill, Mr David Groocock, Mr and Mrs Clive Hamilton, Mr Arthur Hayes, Mr Peter Hill-Wood, Mr Michael Hoare, Mr James Lubbock, Mr Robin McGibbon, Mr Mike Maycock, Mr Timothy Nixon, Mr David Poppin, Mr Brian Peppiatt, Mr Nigel Pullicox, Mr Timmy Pilkington, Mr and Mrs David Porter, Mr Roger Shuttlewood, Mr Ken Sinclair, Mrs Stella Sketch, Mr Roger Smith, Mr David Tapper, Mr Peter Thompson, Mr Andy Tweed, Mr Ian Vickery, Mr John Wells, Mr Norman Wilson and Mr and Mrs Richard Withers Green.

## Memorial service

**Mrs Margery Hurst**

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mrs Margery Hurst was held yesterday at the West London Synagogue. Rabbi Mrs Jacqueline Tabick officiated. Lord Mishcon and Mr F. Ashe Lincoln, QC, gave addresses.

## Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Gabriel Daniel Fahrenheit, inventor of the mercury thermometer, Gdánsk, 1686; William Whewell, philosopher and scientist, Lancaster, 1794; Victoria, reigned 1837-1901, Kensington Palace, 1819; Sir Arthur Wing Pinero, dramatist, London, 1855; Jan Christiaan Smuts, prime minister of South Africa 1919-24, 1939-48, Riebeck West, Cape Colony, 1870.

DEATHS: David I, King of Scotland 1124-53, Carlisle, 1153; Copernicus, astronomer, Frembork, Poland, 1543; Robert Cecil, 1st Earl of Salisbury, statesman, Marlborough, Wiltshire, 1612; Jane Porter, novelist, Bristol, 1850; William Lloyd Garrison, abolitionist, New York, 1879; John Foster Dulles, US Secretary of State 1953-59, Washington, 1959; Duke Ellington, New York, 1974.

HMS Hood was sunk by the Bismarck off Greenland, 1941.

## Dinners

**Foundation for Science and Technology**
Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC, Chairman of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion held yesterday evening at the Royal Society. Mr Kenneth Baker, MP, was the guest speaker. Others present included:

Earl Jellicoe, Lord Beloff, Lord Butterworth, Lord Dainton, Baroness Ewart-Biggs, Lord Flowers, Lord Gregson, Baroness Platt of Writtle, Baroness White, Lady Lloyd, Sir Geoffrey Allen, Sir Ronald Halstead, Sir Andrew Huxley, OM, Sir Ian Lloyd, MP, Sir Frederick Warner, Sir David Phillips, Sir Alastair and Lady Pilkington, Sir Randolph Quirk, Sir David Smith and Sir Trevor Skeet, MP.

**Fruiterers' Company**
Mr David Hope-Mason, Master of the Fruiterers' Company, assisted by Sir Edward du Cann, Upper Warden, Mr David Hohnen, Renter Warden, and the Court of Assistants, presided at the audit court dinner held last night at Barber-Surgeons' Hall. The other speakers were the Earl of Selborne, Mr Peter Allocca and Commander Michael Styles. Others present included:

The Chairman of Spitalfields Markets Committee, the Chairman of the Produce Packaging and Marketing Association, the Chairman of the Fruit Importers' Association, Mr E D G Pattle (National Federation of Fruit and Potato Trades) and the Masters of the Innholders' and Marketors' Companies.

**United and Cecil Club**
Mr Sydney Chapman, MP, was host to the United and Cecil Club at dinner at the House of Commons last night. Mr Brian Goswell presided and the other speakers were the principal guest Mr Tony Newton, MP, and Mr A.W. Perry.

**Kenwood**
Last night a dinner in the gracious presence of Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was given by Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Leigh at Kenwood on behalf of The London Historic House Museums Trust. Lord Hutchinson of Lullington, Chairman of the Trustees, spoke, and Lord St John of Fawsley replied on behalf of the guests.

**Marketing Group of Great Britain**
Mrs Jean Denton presided over the last dinner of the 1988/89 Season held last night at the Inn on the Park by the Marketing Group of Great Britain. The guest speaker was Professor Ralf Dahrendorf, KBE, FBA, Warden of St Antony's College, Oxford.

## Eton College

The following have been elected to King's Scholarships:
J.S. Clark (St Andrew's, Woking); M.B. Orger (Winchester House); I.N.M. Wright (St John's College School); R.J. Myint (Holmewood House, Lexden); P. Dowdos (Danes Hill); M.E. Patrick (Hawtreys); S.A.H. Bones (Shelleybury Jnr School & Eton); G.S.X.E. Jefferis (Edge Grove); A. Walmsley (Caldicott); W.A. Le Fleming (Abberley Hall); A. Oliver (Westminster Cathedral Choir School); A.J. Chirnside (Dragon School); J.R.O. Wynne (Elstree School); N.B. Reppas (Dragon School & Eton).

The following have qualified for the title Oppidan Scholar:
M.A. Kimber (Ludgrove); R.T.J. Boyd Maunsell (Caldicott); A.C.B. Macpherson (Summer Fields); C.H. Bailey (Summer Fields); W.R.G. White (Cothill House); J.S.C. Hardy (Sunningdale School).
The Arnah Shaw Scholarship: J.C.S. Hardy (Sunningdale School).
Oppidan Exhibition: R.T.J. Boyd Maunsell (Caldicott).

## Worth School

Worth School has made the following Awards:
Scholarships: Patrick Long, Worth School Junior House; Richard Keatley, Dorset House, Puttenham; Benjamin Nickell, Papplewick School, Ascot.
Exhibitions: Richard Azedo, Worth School Junior House; Dominic Coombes, Worth School Junior House; James Soutton, Thorpe House School; Bernardo Cervos, Sinton Staveley, Worth School Junior House.

## Forthcoming marriages

**Mr M.F.S. Beer and Miss C.P. Turner**
The engagement is announced between Martin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Ian Beer, of Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex, and Claire, younger daughter of Mr Philip Turner, of Derby, and Mrs Margaret Turner, of Nottingham.

**Mr T.J.A. Cox and Miss J.M. Thompson**
The engagement is announced between Tim, youngest son of Dr and Mrs Robert Cox, of Radlett, Hertfordshire, and Joanna, middle daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith Thompson, of Luton, Bedfordshire.

**Mr V.M.S. Da Cunha and Miss J.A. Gardner**
The forthcoming marriage is announced between Victor, son of Mr and Mrs J.C.R. Da Cunha, of London, and Julie, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Gardner, of London. The marriage will take place on September 23, 1989, in Cartaxo, Portugal.

**Mr I.A.W. Dennis and Miss R. Christenson**
The engagement is announced between Ian, son of Major-General and Mrs A.W. Dennis, of Baughurst, Hampshire, and Rachael, younger daughter of Colonel and Mrs W.M. Christenson, of Alexandria, Virginia, USA.

**Captain J.A.L. Forsyth and Miss F.A. Haddon**
The engagement is announced between Captain Julian Forsyth, The Queen's Own Hussars, son of Lt-Col B.M.L. Forsyth (late RA), and Mrs Forsyth, of The Chantry, Great Billing, Northampton, and Fiona, only daughter of Mr and Mrs P.F. Haddon, of Merewater, Boughton, Northampton.

**Mr C.S. Galley and Miss R.E. Caroe**
The engagement is announced between Christopher Simon, elder son of Dr and Mrs D.J. Galley, of Crowthorne, Berkshire, and Rebecca Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs M.B. Caroe, of Vann, Hambledon, Surrey.

**Mr P.J.A. Gibbon and Miss D.L. Church**
The engagement is announced between Patrick Jonathan Armstrong, younger son of the late Mr Peter Gibbon and of Mrs Anne Coates, of Newcastle upon Tyne, and Diane Louise, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur E. Church, of Formby, Lancashire.

**Major C.J.R. Parker, RAMC and Miss A. Westmoreland**
The engagement is announced between Christopher, younger son of Mr and Mrs G. Parker, of Carnforth, Lancashire, and Adrienne, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.J. Westmoreland, of Devonshire, Bermuda.

## Marriage

**Mr K. Weller and Miss L. Embleton**
The marriage took place in Newport, Rhode Island on May 19, between Mr Kenneth Weller, son of the late Mr and Mrs Newton Weller, of Iowa City, and Miss Lucy Embleton, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs D.P.F. Embleton, of Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

## Luncheons

**HM Government**
Mr Nicholas Scott, Minister of State for Social Security and the Disabled, was host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House yesterday in honour of the United States Social Security Commissioner. Among those present were:

Lord Skelmersdale, the Hon Mrs Scott, Sir John and Lady Wilson, Mr Lionel Beckett and Mrs Margaret Beckett, MP, Mr Lewis Carter-Jones, Mrs Elizabeth Singleton, Mr and Mrs Lesley Siegal, Miss Melinda Libby, Mr Ed James, Miss Marianne Dempster and Mr Andrew Brant.

**Law Society**
Mr Richard Gaskell, President of the Law Society, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 60 Carey Street. The guests included:

Mr Justice Johnson, Judge Fanner, Dr Sidney Crown, Mr C R T Latey, Mr Jeffrey Phillips, Dr Jano Rae, Mr David Ward, Mr Henry Hodge and Mr John Hayes.

**Lunchtime Comment Club**
Mr Desmond Fennell, QC, was the guest speaker at a luncheon of the Lunchtime Comment Club held yesterday at the Connaught Rooms. Mr Adrian F. Pontin, chairman, presided.

**City Liaison Group**
The City Liaison Group held a luncheonon Tuesday, May 23, at The Brewery, Chiswell Street, London, EC1. Mr Julian Critchley, MP, was the guest speaker and Mrs Francis Sitwell, St James Public Relations, was in the chair.

# OBITUARIES

## HYWEL ROBERTS
### Television in Welsh language education

The death has occurred at Cardiff at the age of 79 of Hywel D. Roberts, a graduate and honorary MA of the University of Wales and a distinguished contributor to Welsh culture and education.

He served as headmaster of primary schools in Merioneth and Caernarfon before becoming Head of Departments in Llanfyllin and Colwyn Bay. A founder member of the Urdd, the Welsh League of Youth, in 1927, he became the headmaster of its first Welsh Medium School in Aberystwyth. This led to the founding of the first local education authority Welsh school in Aberystwyth in 1953; and of this he was also head.

From 1947 to 1949 he was Wales's first elected Further Education Officer in Flintshire, and he was Assistant Director of Education at Wigan from 1951 to 1953.

He was a pioneer in the use of television in education in Wales, developing the first programmes from his already successful appearances as a presenter with Television Wales and West (TWW). In the early days of educational television he was the Welsh member on the Independent Television Authority's Children's Committee chaired by Sir John Wolfenden.

His concern for the social and cultural implications of television was demonstrated in his membership of the joint BBC-ITA O'Conor Committee on Children's Television.

Hywel Roberts became principal lecturer and head of the Department of Education in the city of Cardiff College of Education (now the South Glamorgan Institute of Higher Education). Here he helped to develop the college into the largest teacher education centre in Wales, with over 1,100 students.

On retirement in 1974 he was invited to become the first Director of the Welsh Nursery Schools Association (Mudiad Ysgolion Meithrin) where he made a significant contribution at an important stage in its development. He served on several Boards of the University of Wales, was a member of Bangor College Council, the Board for Welsh Medium Studies, the Governors of the Welsh College of Music and Drama, and the Court of the Museums in Wales. He was warden of the University of Wales Guild of Graduates from 1980 to 1983.

Mr Roberts was a White-Robed Bard of the Gorsedd and a former International President of the Celtic Congress.

He was widely known as Life Vice-President of the International Music Festival at Llangollen with which he was involved for over forty years. The Lübeck Singleiter, frequent visitors to the festival, recently commemorated their 40th anniversary by inviting him to be their Guest of Honour when he received a Presentation from the Stadt President of Lübedk.

A writer of numerous articles, he recently completed an anthology of verse on birds in Wales. He was a major influence in the lives of generations of pupils and students and helped in many significant ways to give form and substance to contemporary Welsh life and culture.

He leaves his widow, Glenys, and two sons.

## PETER EVANS
### American successes in British plays

Peter Evans, the American actor, who studied for three years at the Central School of Speech and Drama in London before returning to his native country for a successful stage career, has died at the age of 38 in Los Angeles from complications from Aids. In particular, he turned in some notable New York performances in plays by British dramatists.

Evans, born in Englewood, New Jersey, had graduated from Yale before his arrival in London in 1972, to study at the Central school.

He made his New York theatre debut in 1975 in David Storey's play *Life Class*, and was subsequently praised for a wide range of roles that included musical comedy and classical theatre.

In 1976 he was hailed for his portrayal of Richie in David Rabe's *Streamers* and for which he received several awards. The following year he starred in David Mamet's *Life in the Theater* and in 1979 he played opposite Maggie Smith in Tom Stoppard's *Night and Day*, also on Broadway.

His most recent success occurred was as male lead in the highly successful drama of the relationship between a hearing teacher and his deaf student, *Children of a Lesser God*. He received further awards for this performance.

Evans also appeared in several films, including *Arthur* with Dudley Moore, and for the last few years he had lived in Los Angeles while playing a leading role in the successful television series *9 to 5*.

He is survived by his parents, one brother and a sister.

## GEORGE BARKER
### Starting the London Philharmonic Choir

Reuben Blackmore "George" Barker, who played a notable part in the successful creation of the London Philharmonic Choir for the LPO after the Second World, has died in Saffron Walden, aged 82.

A colourful personality, he was full of vigour, determination and great charm and much is owed him by musicians and music-lovers all over the country, though especially in East Anglia where he was the power behind several initiatives for music-making and opera. He was a great catalyst and his encouragement of young musicians and singers was manifold.

Barker had studied clarinet, piano and conducting at the Guildhall School of Music and it was as a clarinetist and conductor that he joined the Central Band of the Royal Air Force.

It was with a piano teacher that he created the London Philharmonic Choir after the end of the war.

Moving to the country in 1951 Barker started the Cambridge Opera de Camera, which eventually became Cambridge Opera. He made many English translations for them, including one of Schubert's opera *The Conspirators*, which he did with Humphrey Trevelyan.

Cambridge Opera productions, mounted with his friend Eric Shilling, have been performed in many of the great halls and houses of the country in aid of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund. During the last six months he completed a new translation of Mozart's *Cosi Fan Tutte*.

Barker was instrumental in setting up the Eastern Authorities Orchestral Association, now known as the Eastern Orchestral Board, with its first director Anthony Burley, which promotes concerts by British symphony orchestras and chamber ensembles in the Home Counties and East Anglia.

With Gordon Glover and Wynford Vaughan Thomas he created *Sound Guide*, an audio aid for museum and art gallery visitors.

## JEFFREY THOMAS, QC

*His Honour Peter Mason, QC, writes:*

Jeffrey Thomas, QC, was one of those men from the Welsh Valleys whose intelligence, wit and charm adorned and enlivened the profession which he made his own. After a distinguished university career he was called to the Bar by Gray's Inn in 1957. Several years were to elapse, during which the Rhine Army had the benefit of his legal services, before he entered private practice at the Bar.

He acquired a busy junior practice and appeared in a number of *causes célèbres* including the defence of Will Owen, MP, on charges of espionage, where, led by James Comyn, QC, (as he was then) he secured Owen's acquittal; and the defence of Mrs Bingham, the wife of Lieutenant Bingham, also on charges of espionage. She too was acquitted.

During these years Thomas was immersed in politics and in 1966 as a Labour Party candidate contested the Barry constituency. There is little doubt that the strain of politics and the Bar took its toll, and that his practice, had he been able to devote more time to it, would have been bigger than it was. But none the less he took Silk in 1974, having two years earlier established his own chambers in quarters previously occupied by Sir Norman Birkett and Sir Edward Marshall Hall.

His career in Silk was primarily that of an advocate in the Crown Court. He had that fluency of language and love of words which is the hallmark of the Welshman, and his rather shy and diffident manner concealed a wonderful sense of humour and a formidable legal brain. These stood him in good stead when he was, in 1975, appointed a Recorder. Every defendant in his court could expect a trial of unswerving fairness and, at the end of it, if convicted, a condign sentence.

Among his colleagues at the Bar and on the Bench, no man was better liked.

## Birthdays today

Mr James Anderton, chief constable, Greater Manchester, 57; Mr Stanley Baxter, comedian, 63; the Duke of Bedford, 72; Sir Timothy Bevan, chairman, BET, 62; Rear-Admiral Sir Kenneth Buckley, 85; Lord Campbell of Alloway, QC, 72; Sir Roden Cutler, VC, diplomat, 72; Mr Bob Dylan, singer, 48; Miss Kathleen Hale, author and illustrator, 91; Dame Joan Hammond, opera and concert singer, 77; Sir Terence Heiser, civil servant, 57; Mr Justice Hodgson, 72; Mr Clifford Irving, former chairman of the executive council, Isle of Man Government, 75; Miss Elizabeth McColgan, athlete, 25; Sir Cecil Mant, architect, 83; Mr Adrian Moorhouse, swimmer, 25; Mr Luke Rittner, secretary general, Arts Council of Great Britain, 42; Sir Edmund Sargant, solicitor, 83; Mr C.M.T. Smith-Ryland, Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire, 62; Lord Justice Staughton, 56; Mr William Trevor, writer, 61; Mr Arnold Wesker, playwright, 57; Miss Mai Zetterling, actress, 64.

## Appointments

Latest appointments include:

**Lord Beaverbrook** to be Chairman of the National Association of Boys' Clubs.

**Mr Peter James Charlesworth** to be a circuit judge, assigned to the North Eastern Circuit.

**Mr R. M. C. Venables** to be a charity commissioner from July 31, in succession to Mr C. A. H. Parsons, who is retiring.

## Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales will attend a luncheon at the Serpentine Gallery, Kensington Gardens, at 12.20 in aid of the St Mary's Save the Baby Fund.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Royal Yachting Association, will unveil a plaque to dedicate the training ship Astrid to the service of youth at Ocean Village Marina, Southampton, at 12.10; will visit the Dame Hannah Rogers School, Ivybridge, south Devon, at 3.00. Again, as President of the Royal Yachting Association, she will open the new premises of the Royal Western Yacht Club and the new Sea Sport Centre, Queen Anne's Battery, Plymouth, at 4.40; and, as Chief Commandant, WRNS, will inspect ceremonial divisions at HMS Vivid, Mount Wise, Plymouth, at 7.00.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester will visit the Northampton and County Association for the Blind's Darsdale Home for Blind Ladies at Chelveston Road, Raunds, at 3.00.

The Duke of Kent, as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit London City Airport at 11.45; and the Docklands Development at 2.45.

Princess Alexandra will attend a performance of *Don Giovanni* by the Scottish Opera at the Theatre Royal, Glasgow, at 6.55 in aid of the Mental Health Foundation, Scotland.

## Brasenose College

Old members of Brazenose are warmly invited to visit the College and the Boat House with their families on the afternoon of May 27 (Eights Week Saturday). Tea will be provided in the College between 3.15 and 5.00 pm. If this first event is successful it is hoped that it will be repeated in future years.

## Westminster School

The Centenary Adrian Boult Memorial Concert given by The London Musici, with guest conductor Sir Yehudi Menuhin, took place up School on Thursday, May 18, after which the Head Master held a reception in Ashburnham House.

## Trinity House

The Duke of Edinburgh was re-elected Master of the Corporation of Trinity House for the ensuing year at the annual court held yesterday at Clothworkers' Hall.

## Bridge

More than 200 pairs competed in the English Bridge Union's one-day green points event held at Horsham on Sunday.

RESULTS
1. G J Allan, J Y Pottage 6,074; 2. A Southwell, M Levine 4,900; 3. J Price, N Rosen 4,842; 4. A D Auchterlonie 4,798; 5. D W Bell, S N Lee 4,793.


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Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought.
1 Corinthians 2:6

## BIRTHS

**ALLHUSEN** - On May 17th, 1989, to Panda (née Rae) and Christian, a son, Benjamin Christian Thomas.

**BATTSEK** - On 21st May, to Lucerne (née Curr) and Daniel, twin daughters, Mathilde and Holly.

**BICHARD** - On May 21st, to Selma and Dave, at Princess Elizabeth Hospital, Guernsey, a daughter, Clare Louise.

**BOULTON** - On May 22nd, to Jacqueline and Stephen, a son, Jonathan Stephen Findlay.

**COCKBURN** - On Saturday, May 20th, 1989, to Mary (née Trappes-Lomax) and Alexander, a son, brother to George.

**COPP** - On 20th May, at Southampton, to Janette and Peter, a daughter, Laura Mary, a sister for Sarah, Thomas and Harriet.

**de FAYET de MONTJOYE** - On May 21st, to Kate (née Mahaffy) and Henry, a daughter, Clementine.

**FFORDE** - On 22nd May, to Niki (née Penn) and William, a son, Frederic, a brother for Nicholas.

**FLEMING** - On May 7th, 1989, at St Paul's Hospital, Cheltenham, to Lydia (née Thompson) and Ian, a son, Mark William. A brother for James.

**FLINT** - On May 11th, 1989, to Fiona (née Steele-Bodger) and Michael, a son, Oliver John Montagu.

**HETHERINGTON** - On 16th May, to Kate and David, a daughter, Joanna, a sister for Michael.

**HOUGHTON** - On May 22nd, to Nick and Sue (née Rodgers) a *daughter, Sarah Margaret, a* sister for James and Edward.

**LAUGHTON-SCOTT** - On 15th May, to Charles and Rachel (née Bolton), almost in the car park at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, a big beautiful son, Sam Alexander, a brother for Rory. Grateful thanks to all involved.

**LEYLAND** - On May 19th, to Georgina (née Chichester) and Christopher, a daughter, Emma Rose.

**LONGDEN** - On May 20th, to Jan (née Sears) and Andy, a son (Thomas Charles), a brother for Katy and William.

**LOWE** - On May 18th, 1989, to Diane (née Maxwell) and Gary, a son, James Philip Charles.

**MARLOW** - On May 22nd, 1989, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, Hammersmith, to Angela (née Fleming) and Keith, a daughter, Camilla May. Grateful thanks to all concerned.

**MAXTED** - On 22nd May, 1989, at the West Middlesex Hospital, to Candy (née Taylor-Moore) and John, a son, William John.

**PALMER** - On May 19th, 1989, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Carmel (née Johnson) and Steven, a daughter, Katharine Mary.

**PONSONBY** - *On May 19th*, to Nicola (née Guy) and Luke, a son, Edmund (Ned) Brabazon.

**PRITTIE** - On May 15th, to Krystyna and Oliver, a daughter, Laura Zoe, a sister for Dominic.

**RUSSELL** - On May 22nd, at Queen Mother Hospital, Glasgow, to Miranda (née Gough) and Ivor, a daughter, Georgina, sister for William and Alannah.

**SCROPE** - On May 22nd, to Penny (née Davies) and Peter, a son, Edward Ralph William, a brother for Alexandra and Victoria. Deo Gratias.

**STANDING** - On Saturday, 20th May (at Queen Charlotte's Hospital) to Charlotte (née Coultie) and Julien, a son, Alexander William Standing.

**SWAIN** - On 21st May, 1989, in Melbourne, Florida, USA, to Hilary (née Dow) and Geoffrey, a daughter, Alexandra, cousin for David in Khartoum.

**SWALES** - On 10th May 1989, at the Portland Hospital, London, to Wendy (née Johnstone-Burt) and Joe, a son, James William Leonard.

**VERSU** - *On Friday, 19th May*, to Catherine (née Ruttle) and Edward, a darling son, Samuel Basil Mayo. Psalm 113.9.

**WOODMAN** - On 20th May, 1989, to Jane (née Tillotson) and Nick, a son, Thomas Jeremy, a brother for Katie and Lucy.

## MARRIAGES

**HEAD:MORRISON** - The marriage took place in New York, on Wednesday, May 17th, of John, son of the late Mr John Head and Lady Sheppard, of Little Berkhamsted, Herts, and Miranda, only daughter of Mr & Mrs Alec Morrison, of Beckley, East Sussex.

**WICKS:GREGORY** - On May 20th, 1989, at St Winifred's Church, Branscombe, Capt. D.C. Wicks RAOC to Capt. J.P. Gregory WRAC.

## DEATHS

**ANSON** - Derek, aged 60, on May 21st, suddenly, at home in Newport, USA. Loving husband of Priscilla, much loved father and stepfather of William, Sarah Lynn, Timmy, David, Brad and Kim, dear brother, stepson and friend. A Memorial Service will be arranged.

**BATEMAN** - Philip, formerly of Kendal, Highgate and Highcliffe, Head of science, Highgate School, retired 1962. Died peacefully, at Lowestoft, on May 20th, aged 87. Cremation May 30th. Enquiries to Critoph and Crowe (Funeral Directors), (0502) 573316.

**BLETCHER** - On 20th May, 1989, at the Scunthorpe General Hospital, George Rex, aged 77 years. Father of Philip and John, father-in-law of Kate and Jan, dear grandfather of Nicola, Timothy, Mark and Charlotte and a dear friend of Doris. Funeral Service to take place at St Mary's Church, Wrawby, on Friday, 26th May, at 1.30 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please. No letters by request. Donations to Stonecroft House, Cheshire Home Fund, c/o Mrs Marris, Barnetby, South Humberside. Enquiries to Kettle of Brigg and Scunthorpe. Brigg: (0652) 52116.

**BRANSON** - Peacefully, on May 23rd, 1989, Anthony Hugh Chinnery Branson A.R.I.B.A., D.I.P.L., loved husband of Isobel and proud father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Memorial Service to be held at St Nicholas Parish Church, Sevenoaks, on Wednesday, May 31st, at 2.30 pm. No flowers. Donations to The Tunbridge Wells Hospice atHome or The British Red Cross (Sevenoaks), c/o Francis Chappell & Sons, 27 London Road, Sevenoaks, Kent.

**BROOKES** - Norman BSc. Tech AMCT, M.BIM, IMech E., suddenly, on 19th May, 1989, in his 67th year. Norman Brookes, of Roby Mill, Upholland. Formerly of Stopsley, Bedfordshire and Manchester. Former lecturer at St Helen's College. All enquiries to H. Hardman and Company. (0695) 22122.

**BROWN** - On May 22nd, peacefully, at home, in Cheltenham, Captain John Ronald Stewart Brown, Royal Navy, aged 88 years, Sub-Mariner and younger brother of Trinity House, dearly loved husband of Elizabeth, father of Vice-Admiral Sir David Brown K.C.B. Funeral Service on Wednesday, 31st May, at St Philip and St James Church, Leckhampton, Cheltenham, at 2 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to King George V Fund for Sailors, may be sent to Selim Smith & Co., 74 Prestbury Road, Cheltenham.

**CASHMORE** - Kate Marjorie, in her 94th year, beloved wife of the late Bishop Tom Cashmore, passed peacefully away, on May 22nd, 1989. Funeral Service and interment at St Peter's Church, Woodmancote, Sussex, 2.30 pm, on Tuesday, May 30th. Family flowers only, donations if desired for U.S.P.G. c/o B. Ince Funeral Directors, Bank House, 8 Severn Side South, Bewdley, Worcestershire. Tel: (0299) 403105 (All enquiries). Grateful thanks to all concerned at Patto House, Private Residential Home, Kidderminster.

**CHAINE-NICKSON** - Augustus Terence, on 21st May, in hospital, in Cannes, South of France.

**DISLEY** - On Saturday, May 21st, 1989, Roy George Disley, husband of Ann, father of Jeremy and Charlotte. "A merrier man, within the limit of becoming mirth, I never spent an hour's talk withal.". Service at South West Middlesex Crematorium, on Wednesday, June 7th, at 2 pm. Flowers welcome. Donations in aid of The Coronary Care Unit at West Middlesex University Hospital, should be sent to Sutton Manor High School.

**DOUGLAS** - On 21st May, at a clinic near Toulouse, after a short illness, Mary Veronica (née Mewburn) aged 69, wife of *Lt. Cdr. Ewen Douglas* R.N. retd. She will be cremated at Cornebarrieu Crematorium, at 1.30 pm, on Thursday, 25th May. Requiem Masses will be held in Andorra la Vella on Friday, 26th May and at the Church of the Holy Redeemer, Cheyne Row, *Chelsea, at 6.30 pm, on* Thursday, 1st June.

**DRAY** - Ivy Margaret (née Moss). Formerly of Canterbury, Caterham, Dorking and Netley Abbey, aged 87 years. Beloved wife of Brian, peacefully, on May 20th, at Lymington Hospital, following a stroke. Funeral Service at Bournemouth Crematorium, on Wednesday, May 31st, at 11.30 am. No flowers please but donations to Lymington United Reform Church may be sent to Diamond & Son Funeral Directors, 9/11 Lower Buckland Road, Lymington, Hants., SO41 9DN.

**DRUMMOND** - On May 20th, suddenly, at Chase Farm Hospital, London, Major Paddy (Patrick Hamilton), beloved husband of Valerie and much loved father, grandfather, brother and godfather. Private cremation, Thursday, 25th May. Flowers to Blake and Horlock, 27 Silver Street, Enfield, or donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation, 102 Gloucester Place, London W1H 4DH. A Memorial Service will be held at St Stephen's Church, Walbrook, EC4, City of London, on Thursday, 1st June, 1989, at 11 am.

**GREENHOUGH** - On May 21st, Joy Lesley, of Chadwick Manor, Warwickshire, beloved wife of Denis and much loved mother of Richard, Tracey and Susy. Funeral service at Oakley Wood Crematorium, Leamington Spa, on Friday, May 26th, at 2.30 pm. Flowers for donations if desired for The Motor Neurone Disease Association may be sent to The John Taylor Funeral Service: 178 Warwick Road, Kenilworth, Warwickshire.

**HARRIS** - On May 19th, at the Westminster Hospital, Jean, dearly loved wife of Hugh, daughter of Gladys and mother of James, Roger, Candida, Catherine, Lavinia, Juliet, Mark and Felicia. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service at St Peter's Church, Ardingly, on Wednesday, May 31st, at 2.30 pm. No flowers, but donations to St Catherine's Hospice, Crawley. Much appreciated.

**HERBERT** - Denis, peacefully, in hospital, at Salisbury, on 21st May, 1989, aged 72 years. Cremation Wednesday, 31st May, 1989, 11.15 am, at Salisbury Crematorium. No flowers by request. Donations if desired to the Salisbury Hospice Care Trust, c/o I.N. Newman Ltd, Funeral Directors, 58 Winchester Street, Salisbury SP1 1HL. Tel: (0722) 413136.

**HILTON-LEWIS** - On May 18th, 1989, at his home, in Painswick, Glos. David, aged 76 years, husband of the late Mary Hilton-Lewis and much loved father of Angela. Funeral Service, 11.15 am, Friday, May 26th, at Sheepscombe Parish Church, followed by cremation at Cheltenham.

**HORTON** - On 22nd May, at Fraryhurst Nursing Home, Prinsted, Sussex, Helen Dorothy Wakefield, beloved wife of the late Captain Ivan Horton, Royal Navy, mother of Rosemary Cundall and Dawn Robinson. A much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. In her 95th year. A Thanksgiving Service will be held on June 2nd, at 2.30 pm, at St James's Church, Emsworth. If desired donations to Cancer Research Campaign, 2 Carlton House Terrace, London, SW1 5AR.

**HUMPHREYS** - On 21st May, at Brancepeth, Durham, Lieutenant Colonel Robert Benjamin Humphreys D.L. Late Durham Light Infantry. Service in Brancepeth Church, Friday, 11 am. Private cremation, family flowers only.

**KING** - On 22nd May, Pamela Joy (née Stuart-Cook), *beloved wife of Donald* Plimsoll King M.A., M.D. and much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Chichester Crematorium, on Wednesday, 31st May, at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Chichester Observer Scanner Appeal.

**MARYON-DAVIS** - On 21st May, 1989, peacefully, at home, Sydney Arthur, much loved father of Howard, *husband of Amy (widower of* Edna Florence). Funeral Service at Breakspear Crematorium, Friday, 26th May, 11.30 am. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Cancer Research Campaign.

**MAURICE** - On 22nd May, at the Norfolk and Norwich *Hospital. Canon David* Powys, much loved husband of the late Diana and dear father of Stephen and Alison. Funeral at Norwich Cathedral, on Saturday, 27th May, at 11 am, followed by private cremation. *Family flowers* only please. Donations if desired to Stanley Sutton, *Burnt Street, Wells, Norfolk*, for medical charities.

**McEWEN** - (Née Kingcome), peacefully, on the morning of May 22nd, Ione, widow of the late Captain Peter McEwen. The interment of cremated remains will take place on Tuesday, 30th May, at Revelstoke Church, Noss Mayo, at 2.30 pm. All enquiries telephone Plymouth 665438.

**NUMMERLEY** - Margaret Jessie (née Marshall) peacefully on May 18th 1989, at Talley House, Llandeilo, Dyfed, after many years of struggle with Parkinsons Disease. Born in London on *29/4/1909. Educated at* Roedean and the Royal College of Art. Beloved wife of Cecil Henry Nummerley. Greatly missed by their 3 children John Marshall Nummerley of Talley House, Talley, Janet Kellas Fleming and Jean Cockburn Jenks, both from British Columbia, Canada and six grand children. She was preceded by two of her grandsons, Iain Drysdale Jenks and Hamish Phillip Jenks. Public funeral service at St Michael's Church, Talley at 1pm on Friday 26th May. Donations to research into Parkinsons Disease will be accepted by Douglas Davies Funeral Directors, 13 Diane Road, Llandeilo, Dyfed. (0558) 823594.

**NURSE** - On May 22nd, 1989, Peter, died peacefully, in hospital, much loved husband of Rowena and dad of Cally, Holly and Elizabeth. Private funeral - family flowers only. Donations if desired to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, c/o Mrs Hugo Morris: The Dhoon, Barton Mills, Suffolk IP28 6AA. Service of Thanksgiving will be held at a later date.

**PEARCE** - Reginald Edward, aged 64, peacefully, at his home, on Sunday, May 21st. Beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and son. Loved by all his family and many friends. Funeral Service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Friday, May 26th, at 1 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton, (Cancer Research).

**PRICE** - *On May 20th, 1989, at* home, in Sutton Coldfield, John Lemuel Percival, formerly of Dulverton and Frinton-on-Sea, much loved father of Jennifer. Funeral at Sutton Coldfield Crematorium, on Friday, May 26th, at 3.30 pm. No flowers please.

**SCOTT** - On 22nd May, 1989, at Eye Pavilion Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, George Ian Scott C.B.E., Emeritus Professor of Ophthalmology, beloved husband of Maxine and father of John. Service at Warriston Crematorium, Cloister Chapel, on Friday, 26th May, at 11.15 am. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Princess Alexandra Eye Pavilion, Edinburgh.

**SKILBECK** - Stephanie, 71, after much illness. Beautiful wife of Oswald and mother of Thomas, of S. Kensington and Bledlow. Funeral private. No flowers.

**WYLIE** - On Monday, May 22nd, 1989, peacefully, William Murray O.B.E., of Seaford. Widower of Flora. Service at Eastbourne Crematorium, on Wednesday, May 31st, at 2 pm. Enquiries and flowers c/o Seaford and Newhaven Funeral Service. Tel: Seaford 893889.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES

**BARNARD** - Alison Mary. A Memorial Service will be held at St Marylebone Parish Church, on 14th June, at 11.30 am. Donations to Cancer Research.

**COE** - A Memorial Service for William Peter "Lofty" Coe will be held at St Michael's Parish Church, Cornhill, on Thursday, June 15th, at 12 noon.

**CROSSMAN** - A Memorial Service for Sir Peter *Crossman will be held at St* Mary's Church, St Neots, Cambs., on Friday, 23rd June, at 2.45 pm.

**WELHAM** - A Service of Thanksgiving for the lives of David and Beryl Welham will be held at St Clement Danes Church in The Strand, at 12 noon, on Tuesday, 30th *May, 1989. All friends and* associates of the Welhams' will be very welcome.

## IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

**BOVILL** - Hubert William, MBE, died Dec. '88. Loved and remembered by his many friends in Jackfield, Salop; & his cousins Michael Gosling & Pam Makin, today his Birthday.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

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4 any creditor of the Company may, at any time within a period of five weeks immediately following 22nd May 1989, apply to the court under section 176 of the said Act for an order prohibiting the said payment.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
H.P.H ROBINSON DIRECTOR

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THE COMPANIES ACT 1986
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I.B. Richards Liquidator
Dated this 18th day of May 1989

## PUBLIC NOTICES

PASTORAL MEASURE 1983

The Church Commissioners have prepared a new draft redundancy scheme providing for the care and maintenance of the redundant church of Saint John the Baptist, Avon Dassett by the Redundant Churches Fund (Coventry diocese). Copies of the draft Scheme may be obtained from the Church Commissioners, 1 Millbank, London SW1P 3JZ to whom any representations should be sent within 28 days of the publication of this notice

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**CENTRAL ELECTRICITY GENERATING BOARD**
**POWERGEN DIVISION**

*Notice of an Application for Consent to Construct a Gas Fired Power Station at Killingholme in the Borough of Glanford in the County of Humberside*

Notice is hereby given that the Central Electricity Generating Board (CEGB) PowerGen Division has applied under Section 2 of the Electric Lighting Act 1909 as amended by the Electricity Acts 1947 and 1957, for the consent of the Secretary of State for Energy to construct a gas fired power station at Killingholme, in the Borough of Glanford in the County of Humberside.

This application is quite separate from, and additional to, the application for Killingholme 'A' recently announced by the CEGB's National Power Division. However both stations would be of a similar type.

The new station to be known as Killingholme PowerGen would have a capacity of approximately 1000 Megawatts (MW) comprised of three modules of approximately 340MW gas fired combined cycle units.

A copy of the application, with a plan showing the land to which it relates, together with a copy of the Environmental Statement discussing the Board's proposals in more detail and presenting an analysis of the environmental implications, are available for inspection during normal office hours at the following addresses:

Humberside County Council, County Hall, Beverley, Humberside.
Glanford Borough Council, Planning Offices, Cary Lane, Brigg, Humberside.

In addition, copies of the Environmental Statement may be obtained from the above stated locations while stocks last.

Any objections should be made in writing to the Secretary of State for Energy, Department of Energy, Electricity Division, Thames House South, Millbank, London, SW1P 4QJ, stating the name of the station and the grounds of objection. Written submission should be made by 31 July 1989.

It is requested that a copy of any objection be sent to the Site Evaluation, Acquisition and Consents Manager, CEGB PowerGen Division, (Killingholme Documents), Haslucks Green Road, Shirley, Solihull, West Midlands, B90 4PD.

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Notice of an Application for Consent to Construct a Gas Fired Power Station at Rye House, Hoddesdon in the Borough of Broxbourne in the County of Hertfordshire

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## MAY 24 ON THIS DAY 1915

*The final death roll in this appalling train accident — undeniably caused by human error — rose to 227 with 246 persons injured. Even so these figures are dwarfted on this day by the horrific casualty figures from Flanders and the Dardanelles which occupied many columns of the paper.*

### TROOP TRAIN DISASTER. 158 LIVES LOST.

The worst disaster in the history of British railways occurred on Saturday morning on the Caledonian Line at Quintinshill, a mile north of Gretna Green and nine miles north of Carlisle.

Three trains were involved, a troop train running into a local passenger train and the Scottish express from Euston immediately crashing into the wreckage of both. Fire broke out and added to the heavy death roll. Many of the 7th Royal Scots were killed, including three officers.

The number of killed and missing was officially stated last night to be 158.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)
CARLISLE, MAY 23

The worst disaster in the history of British railways took place yesterday morning on the Caledonian line, a mile north of Gretna Green. A troop train, which was carrying southward 500 officers and men, came into collision with a local passenger train from Carlisle, and before any warning could be given of this accident the Scottish express from Euston crashed into the wreckage. Fire broke out and added to the horror.

It is feared that the death roll may reach 170, and there are over 200 injured.

Many passengers were burned alive. The dead bodies, which lie in a white farm building near the railway and in a little hall at Gretna, are charred and scorched. There will be no remains to identify some of the soldiers. The *débris* of the trains has been their funeral pyre.

Where the collision occurred there are four sets of metals, but two of the lines are only short sidings used for shunting purposes. No official statement concerning the accident has yet been given out, and the mass of tangled ironwork flung over the full width of the railway and down the embankment is so chaotic that it is not easy to reconstruct the picture of the disaster. From the description of those who were earliest to hurry to the scene, it seems certain, however, that at the dreadful moment of the second collision five trains were on four lines.

Splintered wood caught fire from the engines, and fanned by a slight breeze the flames quickly swept along the carriage. Before rescue work had been carried far the troop train was blazing from end to end, and soldiers, helpless through injury or pinned down in the shattered carriages, were burnt in a furnace from which there was no release. Where there was a life to be saved the rescuers, many of them injured, worked splendidly and bravely to free men from the fire, but into the heart of the flames no one could go.

Fire-engines arrived from Carlisle and jets of water were poured into the blazing pile. The flames, where their hold was not too intense, were quelled, but round a spot where the three engines were locked together water could not stay the fire.

Witnesses of the morning scenes tells stories of horror. Men, they say, were crying aloud to be rescued. Some of the shouts came from imprisoned victims who could not be seen through the smoke and flames. When the passengers who had scrambled out of the express train, or the few carriages of the troop train which remained intact, and had turned themselves into rescuers, tried to answer these calls for help, the heat of the fire drove them back. The cries from this centre, where the wreckage of the three trains was joined, soon ceased. Where the workers could make their efforts more successfully the tragedy was almost equally great.

## SCIENCE REPORT

# Dusting down a bee's pollen dance

An excited bee returning to the hive after a successful pollen gathering flight will do a little dance to tell her fellows where all the best pollen is to be had.

The choreography of this dance forms a language common to all bees but no one has known exactly how the bees understand it. Now, though, two researchers believe they have established that bees respond to the sounds made by detecting oscillations in the movements of dust particles in the air.

Human beings hear by detecting oscillations in air pressure, which are mostly - but not always - related to changes in air particle density; the two are quite different phenomena. By carefully distinguishing between them, William F.Towne, of Princeton University, and Wolfgang Kirchner, of the University of Würzburg, may have succeeded in explaining how these bees hear. They report their results in May 12 issue of *Science*.

The first task was to establish that bees can bear at all, and if so, whether they can distinguish between different tones. Breakfasting bees were trained to respond to a mild electric shock, associated with a five-second blast of a musical note but not actually delivered until a few seconds after the beginning of the note. This interval gave the trained bee just long enough *to make it* scarce before the electric shock arrived — but only if it could first hear and then respond to the note of warning.

Towne and Kirchner did not choose just any note. They trained one group of bees to respond to a note just a shade sharper than Middle C, the same note used by a buzzing bee when broadcasting its discovering of a large cache of pollen. Bees also produce a very a deep note when they dance, and a second experimental group of bees was trained to respond to this, too. Furthermore, bees could be trained to disciminate between these two different notes.

The clue to exactly how the bees heard the note came when they were trained to visit a feeder in a long tube, like an organ pipe, which contained a "standing wave". That is, the compression and rarefactions of a sound-wave in the tube occurred at unvarying locations.

This applied equally to pressure variations as to particle densities: the peaks and troughs in each kind of oscillation remained at fixed points along the tube, but at a different set of fixed points for each kind of oscillation. The researchers found that a bee's behaviour is influenced by the changing particle density fluctuations it experiences as it flies along the tube, and not by changes in sound pressure.

Bees reacted to turbulent spots of particle movement (meaning a loud noise, *to a* bee) by lowering wings and raising antennae. This reflex action was seen in no other set of circumstances, confirming that bees respond to particle density fluctuations, rather than sound pressure level.

Interestingly, they only appeared to be able to respond if the sound force was quite close. This would be an advantage to a bee intent on hearing *the message of a dancing* colleague, because distant and confusing noises would be filtered out automatically.

But telling the difference between near and distant sounds requires two ears. The researchers think that structures in the antennae called the Johnston's Organs may be the apian equivalent of ears, through which they learn about the best pollen in town.

**Henry Gee**

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## THEATRE

### LONDON

☆ **BLOOD BROTHERS:** Willy Russell's sentimental musical: separated twins destroyed by the English class system; Angela Richards as their mother.
**Albery Theatre**, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-867 1115). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.45pm, mats Thurs 3-6pm, and Sat 4-7pm, £6.90-£18.50. (D)

☆ **DOWN EVERY STREET:** Vince Foxhall's latest play assembles memories of East End days of yore. Miriam Karlin among the cast of five women.
**Theatre Royal**, Gerry Raffles Square, E15 (01-534 0310). Tube: Stratford. Mon-Sat 8-10.20pm, £2.50-£7.

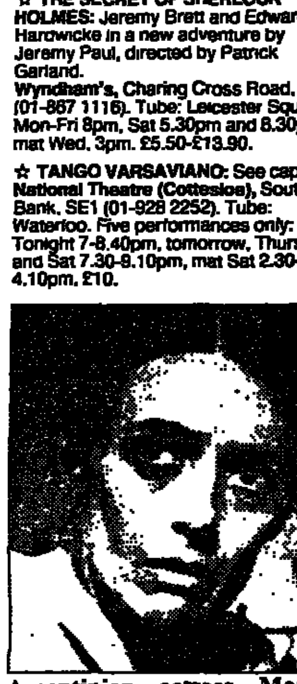
☆ **HENCEFORWARD:** Martin Jarvis and Joanna van Gyseghem in excellent Ayckbourn set in a future London serviced by willing robots.
**Vaudeville Theatre**, Strand, WC2 (01-836 9988). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri 7.30-9.50pm, Sat 8.30-10.50pm; Mats Wed 2.30-4.50pm and Sat 5-7.20pm. £7.50-£15.

☆ **THE MARSHALLING YARD:** Ted Morris's first stage play: set in a man's world where confusion must be shunted into order or chaos results; with Sheila Reid, Tom Mannion.
**Bush Theatre**, Shepherd's Bush Green, W12 (01-743 3388). Tube: Shepherd's Bush. Previews tonight and tomorrow, 8-10pm. Opens Thurs 7-9pm. Then Tues-Sun 8-10pm, £6.

★ **M. BUTTERFLY:** Anthony Hopkins in John Dexter's production of the Broadway hit, based on the true-life love-affair between a French diplomat and a Chinese opera star.
**Shaftesbury Theatre**, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (01-379 5399). Tube: Holborn. Mon-Sat 8-10.20pm, mats Wed and Sat 3-5.20pm, £7.50-£16.50.

☆ **THE SECRET OF SHERLOCK HOLMES:** Jeremy Brett and Edward Hardwicke in a new adventure by Jeremy Paul, directed by Patrick Garland.
**Wyndham's**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-867 1116). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 5.30pm and 8.30pm, mat Wed. 3pm. £5.50-£13.90.

☆ **TANGO VARSAVIANO:** See caption.
**National Theatre (Cottesloe)**, South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Five performances only: Tonight 7-8.40pm, tomorrow, Thurs, Fri and Sat 7.30-9.10pm, mat Sat 2.30-4.10pm. £10.



**Argentinian actress Monica Lacoste (above) plays Amanda in Felix Alberto's *Tango Varsoviano* opening tonight at the National Theatre for five performances (see listing). The Teatro del Sur theatre company from Buenos Aires, founded in the late 1960s by Alberto, make their British début with this award-winning production. Translated as *Warsaw Tango*, is a passionate, almost wordless play which tells its story told through the metaphor of a dance. It follows two couples touring the psycho-cultural subconscious of their country.**

## OUT OF TOWN

**BAGNOR:** ☆ **Just So:** The Elephant's Child, full of insatiable curiosity, sets off to discover the world in a new musical version of Kipling's tale; directed by Julia McKenzie.
**Watermill Theatre**, Bagnor, nr Newbury (0635 46044). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £3.50-£9.

**LIVERPOOL:** ☆ **Slaughterhouse 5:** Kurt Vonnegut's sci-fi novel, part Dresden fire-raid, part little green men, staged with a Barbershop Quartet.
**Everyman Theatre**, Hope Street (051 709 4776). Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 8pm, £4.50-£11.

## FILMS

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**THE NAVIGATOR (PG):** Extraordinary feature from New Zealand's Vincent Ward about two medieval brothers, threatened by the Plague, embarking on a journey into the 1980s (92 min).
**Camden Plaza** (01-485 2443). Progs 2.40, 4.45, 6.50, 9.00.
☎ **Gate** (01-727 4043). Progs 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.

**NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET IV: THE DREAM MASTER (18):** Directed by Renny Harlin. Another instalment of the morbid tales of Freddy and the sleeping teenagers (93 min).
**Cannon Oxford Street** (01-636 0310). Progs 1.20, 3.35, 6.00, 8.30.
☎ **Odeon Marble Arch** (01-723 2011). Progs 1.15, 3.35, 6.15, 8.45.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.30, 8.45.

■ **RAIN MAN (15):** Compelling drama, winner of four top Oscars, with Dustin Hoffman as an autistic man almost swindled out of a three million dollar inheritance by his callow young brother, *Tom Cruise (134 min)*.
**Cannon Chelsea** (01-352 5096). Progs 1.45, 6.15, 9.10.
**Cannon Tottenham Court Road** (01-636 6148). Progs 2.10, 5.05, 8.00.
☎ **Plaza** (01-200 0200). Progs 12.30, 3.15, 6.15, 9.15.

■ **THE TALL GUY (15):** Jeff Goldblum stars as an American actor in London, weighed down by hay fever and feelings of inferiority (90 min).
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■ **WORKING GIRL (15):** Attractive, light-hearted social satire from director Mike Nichols, with Melanie Griffith as the Staten Island secretary who zooms up the Wall Street ladder (116 min).
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**Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.
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## CONCERTS

### LUNCHTIME

☆ **GAS MUSIC:** Sponsored by British Gas, the Guildhall Chamber Orchestra is conducted by Christopher Adey in Prokofiev's Sinfonietta and Chopin's Piano Concerto No 2 with Lucy Parham (British Gas Scholar) as soloist.
**Barbican Centre**, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 8891), 1-2pm, free.

☆ **VIERDANCK VISITATION:** The Lacosaldi Ensemble performs Vierdanck's *Mein Herz ist Bereit* Motet, quickly following it with a Purcell Trio Sonata. Peter Lea-Cox conducts.
*St Anne and St Agnes's*, Gresham St, London EC2 (01-373 5566), 1.10-1.50pm, free.

☆ **CHAPLIN'S CHOICE:** Mozart's Fantasy K 396, Debussy's *Clair de Lune*, Arabesque No 2 and Messiaen's *Premiere Communion de la Vierge* are all heard from Juliet Chaplin (piano).
**St Martin-within-Ludgate**, Ludgate Hill, London EC4 (01-48 6054), 1.15-1.45pm, free.

# New look at the nude

**Armed with the findings of recent research into sexual politics and representation, a new exhibition examines 120 versions of the nude made since 1450. Margaret Walters, *in her pioneering study The Nude Male*, published in 1978, concluded that despite feminist advances there is still in art "a rigid division between the sex that looks and the sex that is looked at". This is also the irresistible conclusion one draws from studying Brassai's memorable photograph (above) of Matisse sketching a naked model. His white coat, tie and waistcoat, shiny shoes, creased check trousers and clinical, appraising stare make him look more like a professor of anatomy than an artist. Indeed, he was forensically particular in choosing models: "Their forms are not always perfect," he remarked, "but they are always expressive." The results of his compulsive drawing from life can be seen in the background of the unfinished canvas on *the easel in his studio. This show* explores relationships between model and artist and addresses the recent upsurge of interest, especially among women artists, in the male nude. Another section deals with the startling similarity between mythological female nudes depicted by Old Masters and poses struck in pornographic magazines. *The Nude: A New Perspective* starts today at the Victoria & Albert Museum, London SW7 (01-938 8500), Monday to Saturday 10am-5.50pm, Sunday 2.30-5.50pm, free, until September 3.** *David Lee*

### EVENING

☆ **ALL VW:** Brian Brockless conducts the Priory Festival Choir and London Schubert Orchestra in Vaughan Williams's *Mass in G minor*, *Pilgrim's Journey* and Variants on *Dives and Lazarus*.
**St Bartholomew the Great**, West Smithfield, London EC1 (01-606 1575), 7.30pm, £3-£6.

☆ **ZACHARIAS FOR ZWEIG:** In the British Library Stefan Sweig series, Christian Zacharias plays Beethoven's Piano Sonata Op 27 No 2 "Moonlight," Schubert's Sonata D 894, Chopin's Mazurkas Op 59 and Scherzo No 2.
**Wigmore Hall**, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £4-£7.

☆ **BIRTHDAY HELP:** In aid of the National Birthday Trust Leslie Howard plays Beethoven's *Piano Sonata Op 22*, Schubert's "Wanderer" Fantasia, Liszt's 2 *Légendes* and the St John's, Smith Sq, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30pm, £4.50-£12.

☆ ***BAROQUE DOUBLES:** Under Philip* Ledger the ECO performs J. C. Bach's Sinfonia for Double Orchestra, J. S. Bach's Concerto for 2 Violins (Maciej Rakowski and Mary Eade), Vivaldi's Concerto for 2 Cellos (Olga *Hegedus and Dietrich Bethge*) *Vanhal's* Concerto for 2 Bassoons (Robin O'Neill and Ian Cuthill) and Handel's Concerto a Due Cori No 2.
**Barbican Centre**, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 8891), 7.45-9.30pm, £4-£12.

☆ **MOZART JOKE:** Besides Mozart's *A Musical Joke* the London Mozart Players offer Strauss's Duet-Concertino (Angela Malsbury, clarinet, and Graham Sheen, bassoon), Haydn's Symphony No 81 and J. C. Bach's Sinfonia Concertante in C (Philippa Davies, flute, Celia Nicklin, oboe, Luigi de Filippi, violin, and Sebastian Comberti, cello). Jane Glover conducts.
**Queen Elizabeth Hall**, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £4.50-£12.

☆ **FOUR AND FIVE:** The McCapra Quartet plays the Bartok Quartet No 1 and is joined by Marina Horak for for Dvořák's Piano Quintet and Dohnányi's rarely-heard Piano Quintet.
**Purcell Room**, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 8pm, £3-£6.

## OPERA

★ **TURANDOT:** Andrei Serban's spectacular production in good form at the Royal Opera House, with Olivia Stapp in the title role and Stephen Barlow conducting.
**Covent Garden**, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-10.30pm, £2.50-£59.

☆ **THE MASTERSINGERS:** Healthy revival of Elijah Moshinsky's warm and mellow Wagner production for English National Opera, strongly cast with Gwynn Howell, Alan Opie and Jane Eaglen.
**Coliseum**, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 5-10.30pm, £2.50-£26.

☆ **THE PEARL FISHERS:** Philip Prowse's handsome production for Opera North, now on tour with Anne Dawson and Adrian Martin.
**New Theatre**, Hull (0482 226655), 7.15-9.45pm, £5.50-£18.

★ **DON GIOVANNI:** Scottish Opera's production, now conducted by John Pryce-Jones and with Francois le Roux and Della Jones as Donna Elvira.
**Theatre Royal**, Glasgow (041 331 1234), 7.15-10.30pm, £3-£23.

## DANCE

☆ **DON QUIXOTE:** Rudolf Nureyev's entertaining production for the Royal Ballet of Flanders.
**Derngate**, Northampton (0604 24811), 7.30pm, schools mat 2pm, £4-£17.50.

☆ **LA FILLE MAL GARDEE:** Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet in Ashton's romantic comedy.
**The Big Top**, Central Milton Keynes (0908 682682), 7.30-9.45pm, mat 2-4.15pm, £3-£12.

☆ **NIGHT TRAIN:** Lisa Marcus, American choreographer based in The Netherlands, presents the dark side of romantic dreams.
**ICA Theatre**, London SW1 (01-930 3647), 8pm, £6.

## ROCK

★ **DEACON BLUE:** Precocious, socially aware Scottish pop stars with a No.1 album under their collective belt.
**Hammersmith Odeon**, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (01-748 4081) 7.30pm, £7.50-£8.50, for three nights.

☆ **DARDEN SMITH:** The *Route 89* festival rumbles on. The singer-*songwriter from Austin, Texas has a* country style influenced by such deep South notables as Guy Clark and Townes Van Zandt. Support is Tennessee singer-songwriter Dean Dillon, who has written hits for George Strait.
**Half Moon Putney**, 93 Lower Richmond Road, London SW15 (01-788 2387) 8.30pm, £5.

★ **STEVIE WONDER:** Still a great and powerful performer.
**NEC**, Birmingham (021 780 4133) 7.30pm, £15-£17.50, for two nights.

★ **R.E.M.:** Now lumbered with the contentious tag: "Probably the best rock'n'roll band in the world."
**Barrowlands**, 244 Gallowgate, Glasgow (041 552 4601) 7.30pm, £7.50.

## JAZZ

★ **RICHARD RODNEY BENNETT:** A rare club appearance from the pianist-composer who *has bridged the gap* between jazz and classical music.
**Bass Clef**, 35 Coronet Street, London N1 (01-729 2476) 8.45pm, £5. Tonight and tomorrow.

☆ ***IRAKERE:** Continuing the annual* residency from Chucho Valdez's masterful Cuban ensemble. Support from the Loose Tubes saxophonist Julian Arguelles.
**Ronnie Scott's Club**, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747) 9.30pm, £12 non-members. Until June 16.

☆ **COURTNEY PINE:** Coltrane-style work-outs offering a hint of the new album, due out later in the year. Support from the James Taylor Quartet.
**Town & Country Club**, 9-17 Highgate Road, London NW5 (01-284 0303/1221) doors open 7pm, £6.50 in advance.

☆ **MOSE ALLISON:** The idiosyncratic blues-jazz vocalist approaches *the end* of his supper club residency.
**Pizza on the Park**, 11 Knightsbridge, London SW1 (01-235 5550) 9.15pm & 11.15pm, £10 admission. Until Sat.

☆ ***AXEL ZWINGENBERGER:** Peter* Silvester's new study of boogie-woogie, "A Left Hand Like God", compares the German pianist to Albert Ammons.
**Brighton Jazz Festival**, The Concorde, Madeira Drive (0273 606460) doors open *8.30pm*, £4.

## GALLERIES

**EMILE ANTOINE BOURDELLE (1861-1929):** 70 bronzes exhibited in the open air by a more classical contemporary of Rodin.
**Yorkshire Sculpture Park**, West Bretton, nr Wakefield (0924-85302), daily 10am-6pm, free, until October 29.

**FRANCESCO CLEMENTE:** Recent pastels on the theme of transience and death.
**Anthony d'Offay Gallery**, 9 Dering Street, London W1 (01-499 4100), Mon-*Fri 10am-5.30pm*, Sat 10am-1pm, *free*, until June 21.

**CAROL ANN SUTHERLAND:** New paintings in a naive style reminiscent of Alfred Wallis.
**Mercury Gallery**, 26 Cork Street, London W1 (01-734 7800), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-12.30pm, free, until June 24.

**JOHN BROMFIELD REES (1912-1964):** Paintings of Welsh miners and industrial *landscapes by an artist devoted to* cubism who rarely exhibited in his lifetime.
**Michael Parkin Fine Art**, 11 Motcomb Street, London SW1 (01-235 8144), Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-1pm, *free, until June 16.*

**KEITH MILOW:** One hundred drawings 1988-89.
**Nigel Greenwood Gallery**, 4 Burlington Street, London W1 (01-434 3795), Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10.30am-1.30pm, free, until June 24.

**FRANCIA TURNER:** Pastels and drawings entitled *Train Journeys Through British Landscapes* commissioned by British Rail and the *National Tourist Boards*.
**Albemarle Gallery**, 18 Albemarle Street, London W1 (01-355 1880), Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 11am-1pm, free, until June 2.

**MURIEL CUCKNEY:** Gardens, flowers and landscapes feature in this artist's second one-person show of paintings.
**Anna-Mei Chadwick**, 64 New King's Road, London SW6 (01-736 1928), Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-5.30pm, free, until June 10.

## WALKS

**SWEENEY TODD'S HISTORIC FLEET STREET:** Meet Blackfriars tube, 2pm, £3.50 (01-441 8906).

***ROCK ROUTES OF THE SWINGING* SIXTIES:** Meet Green Park tube, 11am, £3.50 (01-937 4281).

**A JOURNEY THROUGH DICKENS'S LONDON:** Meet Holborn tube, 2.30pm, £3.50 (01-937 4281).

**HIDDEN INTERIORS OF OLD LONDON:** Meet Temple tube, 11am, £3.50 (01-937 4281).

***THE STORY OF LONDON:*** Meet St Paul's tube, 11am, £3.50 (01-504 9159).

## OTHER EVENTS

**THE ART OF MAP MAKING:** First day of an exhibition from The Netherlands featuring the work of Dutch cartographers.
***Admiral's Conference Room***, Chatham Historic Dockyard, Chatham, Kent (0634 812551). Until July 29, Wed-Sun 10am-6pm. Adult £2.50, Child £1.50.

**CORPUS CHRISTI CARPET OF FLOWERS AND FLORAL FESTIVAL:** Annual event at which a *beautiful* carpet of flowers is laid in the Catholic cathedral in honour of the Blessed Sacrament. The feast of Corpus Christi instituted by Pope Urban IV in 1264, is always kept on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. Procession tomorrow.
**Arundel Cathedral**, London Road, Arundel, West Sussex. Today 9.30am-9pm, Tomorrow 10.45am-5.30pm.

**DEEVA JEWELLERY:** Selling exhibition *of tribal jewellery collection* by Gujerat, Tamil, Nadu, Central and South India, Rajasthan, and the Bedouin tribes of Pushkar.
**Smith's Gallery**, 56 Earlham Street, Covent Garden, London WC2. Today *until Sat, 11am-7pm.*

**MEET THE HEAD GARDENER:** Guided question and answer tour around the delightful gardens with Sue Tasker.
**Meet Cafe Terrace**, Lake District National Park and Visitors Centre, Brockhole, Windermere, Cumbria (09662 6601), 2-3pm. Admission to centre adult £1.40, Child 5-14 70p, under-fives free.

## BOOKINGS

### FIRST CHANCE

**SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET:** Summer tour includes world premières of ballets by Vincent Redmon (to music by Poulenc) and William Tuckett (to Britten's Sea Interludes). Also *The Snow Queen, Choros, Lazarus, Pineapple Poll*, and Ashton's *The Two Pigeons*. June 15-24.
**Hippodrome**, Hurst Street, Birmingham (021 622 7486).

**SNO Proms:** Scottish National Orchestra give six concerts in Edinburgh, with appearances by Malcolm Binns, Steven Isserlis, Tasmin Little, Gyorgy Pauk. June 3-10.
**Usher Hall**, Box Office, Usher Hall, Lothian Road, Edinburgh (031 228 1155/6).

***FAIRFIELD HALL:** Booking for Gerry and the Pacemakers (June 11), Steve Harley and Cockney Rebel (June 27), The Shadows (June 26), Jacques Loussier (July 7), and Barbara Dickson (Aug 4).*
**Fairfield Halls**, *Park Lane, Croydon CR9* 1DG (01-688 9291).

### LAST CHANCE

**POWERPLAYS:** *Contemporary* Canadian photographic art work including Lynne Cohen, Pierre Guimond, Cheryl Sourkes.
**Photogallery**, Charles St, Cardiff (0222 341 667). Ends Sat.

## TOP 10 UK SINGLES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (1) | Ferry 'Cross the Mersey | Various, *PWL* |
| 2 | (2) | Hand On Your Heart | Kylie Minogue, *PWL* |
| 3 | (3) | Miss You Like Crazy | Natalie Cole, *EMI USA* |
| 4 | (4) | Requiem | London Boys, *Teldec* |
| 5 | (6) | Bring Me Edelweiss | Edelweiss, *WEA* |
| 6 | (20) | Every Little Step | Bobby Brown, *MCA* |
| 7 | (10) | The Look | Roxette, *EMI* |
| 8 | (26) | Manchild | Neneh Cherry, *Circa* |
| 9 | (5) | I Want It All | Queen, *Parlophone* |
| 10 | (8) | *I'm Every Woman* | *Chaka Khan, Warner Brothers* |

## TOP 10 UK ALBUMS

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (1) | Ten Good Reasons | Jason Donovan, *PWL* |
| 2 | (2) | Street Fighting Years | Simple Minds, *Virgin* |
| 3 | (3) | Paradise | Inner City, *10 Records* |
| 4 | (—) | Mind Bomb | The The, *Epic* |
| 5 | (8) | Pastpresent | Clannad, *RCA* |
| 6 | (7) | When the World Knows Your Name | Deacon Blue, *CBS* |
| 7 | (4) | The Raw and the Cooked | Fine Young Cannibals, *London* |
| 8 | (15) | Don't Be Cruel | Bobby Brown, *MCA* |
| 9 | (5) | A New Flame | Simply Red, *Elektra* |
| 10 | (6) | Blast | Holly Johnson, *MCA* |

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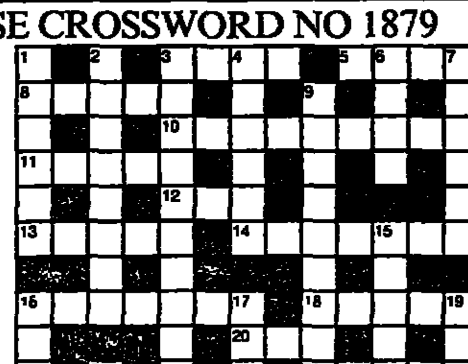

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3 Music hall act (4)
5 Side (4)
8 Street announcer (5)
10 Whale perfume substance (9)
11 Naples Bay island (5)
12 Rocky hill (3)
13 Of sound (5)
14 From the Nile (7)
16 Thick painting (7)
18 Put in line (5)
20 Hairstyle holder (3)
22 With weapons (5)
23 Intermediate (2,7)
24 Santiago state (5)
25 North Shields river (4)
26 1975 men's Wimbledon champion (4)

DOWN
1 Gum arabic tree (6)
2 Overturned (6,2)
3 Tower of London water entrance (8,4)
4 Spiritually regenerated (6)
6 Artaxerxes priest book (4)
7 Small stones pattern (6)
9 Book-keeper's test (5,7)
15 One of three administrators (8)
16 Determinedly demand (6)
17 Giantess (6)
19 Dozed (6)
21 Abba — Israeli politician (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 1878
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## WORD-WATCHING

*Answers from page 24*

**JACONET**
(c) A cotton fabric rather stouter than muslin, a corruption of the Urdu *Jagganath* (Juggernaut), where it was manufactured: *"I was buying the shawl and* jaconet for her."

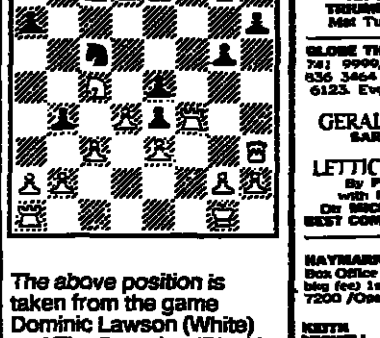
**ANKER**
(a) A measure of wine and spirits used in Northern Europe and Russia, contains 8½ imperial gallons, of uncertain origin, found in medieval Latin *anceria*: "We'll drink it out of the anker, my boys."

**PAXWAX**
(c) The strong tendon in animal's neck, originally *fax-wax*, from the Old English (Anglian) *faex* hair + OE *weaxan* to grow: "Words of no general reception in England, but of common use in Norfolk, or common to the East Angle counties, as paxwax."

**HAMFATTER**
(a) A third-rate minstrel, variety artist, or actor, from a minstrel song of 1887, "The Hamfat Man", having *to do with a hopeless actor.*

## WINNING MOVE

*By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent*



The above position is taken from the game Dominic Lawson (White) and Tim Congdon (Black), played in London this year (*offhand game*). White plays and wins. In the game, White missed the crushing move and played 1 Rf2?. *The winning move will be given in tomorrow's Times.*

Solution to yesterday's position: White wins with 1 Qxh7+ followed by Rh4+ and checkmate on h8.


## ENTERTAINMENTS

### CONCERTS

QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL 01-928 8800. Tonight at 7.45 pm. LONDON MOZART PLAYERS. Jane Glover cond Haydn Symphony No 81; JC Bach Sinfonia Concertante in C for flute, oboe, violin & cello; Strauss Duet-Concertino for clarinet & bassoon; Mozart A Musical Joke.

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# TELEVISION AND RADIO

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## Future in their hands

TELEVISION CHOICE

Peter Waymark

● If you want to be one of the smart people in Los Angeles these days the fashionable name to drop is not that of your therapist but of your psychic. The future tellers are having a boom. Some of them turn up on Inside Story (BBC1, 9.40pm). Not that people always take notice of what they are told. Kebrina Kincade of Beverley Hills seems to have a particular knack of predicting sticky ends. She told President Sadat of Egypt he was going to be assassinated. She informed the sister of King Farouk that she would be murdered by her husband. It happened the very next day. "If you know the future, you can change it," Kebrina declares. A large woman called Bernice, unfortunately confined to bed after breaking her leg (did she not foresee it?), recalls how she counselled Sylvester Stallone at a low point in his career. Her advice was not to kill off Rocky. So it

Jacqueline Stallone: sad that Sylvester refuses to listen to her (BBC1, 9.40pm)

seems that cinema-goers weary of endless sequels about Stallone's washed-up boxer should blame Bernice, though Sylvester must be laughing all the way to the bank. Mrs Jacqueline Stallone, who is in the psychic business herself and predicted the end of her boy's marriage, is sad that he doesn't listen to her. A joke running through the film is Mrs Stallone's attempts to raise Sylvester to talk to the BBC. When he does surface she ticks him off for going to the gym on a motorbike without a security escort. He promises not go do it again. I am not quite sure what this has to do with psychics but Philippa Walker's film is rather like that — amiable, uncritical and with a tendency to get off the point.

● Ten years ago, when the Soviet troops moved into Afghanistan, Sayed Jaffar was a 14-year-old schoolboy in Birmingham. He moved to the United States, joined a hippie motorcycle gang, dropped out of high school and managed a McDonalds. Today he is back in his native Afghanistan as the commander of a 12,000 strong private army controlling the north-east Kayan region. His control of the Salang Highway and other strategic roads gives him a pivotal role in the politics of Afghanistan. The rise of this remarkable young warlord is told in Dispatches (Channel 4, 8.30pm) by Jeff Harmon and Alexander Lindsay, the prize-winning team whose previous Afghan documentaries have looked at the Mujahidin guerrillas and the experiences of the occupying Soviet soldiers.

## BBC 1

**6.00** Ceefax AM. News headlines, weather, travel and sports bulletins.
**6.30** The Flintstones in *Fred Flintstone Before and After* **6.55** Weather
**7.00** Breakfast Time with Laurie Mayer and Mike Smartt. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**; regional news and travel reports at **7.27, 7.57** and **8.27. 8.55** Regional news and weather
**9.00** News and weather followed by Betty Boop Double Bill. Cartoons
**9.20** Kilroy! Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject
**10.00** News and weather followed by Dr Kildare. Episode three of the four-part medical drama serial starring Richard Chamberlain and Raymond Massey (r).
**10.25** Children's BBC presented by Simon Parkin begins with Playbus (r). **10.50** The Wombles, narrated by Bernard Cribbins (r). **10.55** Five to Eleven. Joanna Lumley with a reading (r).
**11.00** News and weather followed by House and Home. In this last of his series on the history of the small English house, Nicholas Taylor looks at Liverpool housing co-operatives (r). (Ceefax)
**11.30** The Journey. Peter Terson and Dennis Skillicorn, on the eighth leg of their 10-part journey along the Pilgrims' Way to Canterbury, leave Chevening and pass through Otford (r).
**12.00** News and weather followed by Dallas. JR's fortunes seem to be on the up after being granted a billion dollars credit (r). (Oracle) **12.50** The Historyman. The story of Edith Cavell (first shown on BBC East). **12.55** Regional news and weather
**1.00** One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather
**1.30** Neighbours. Todd and Katie are found and Beverley and Jim allow them to stay for a while; and Helen and Hilary decide to spend the night at Helen's new flat
**1.50** Discovering Animals. Tony Soper on bats and mice (r).
**2.15** Knots Landing. Val learns the whereabouts of her babies and the family converge for a showdown. Last in the series
**3.00** On the House. Home refurbishment series. This afternoon Pattie Coldwell fixes a catflap and Harry Greene draughtproofs a front door (r). **3.30** The Pink Panther Show
**3.50** Corners. Young people's questions answered by Simon Davies and Sophie Aldred (r). **4.05** Mysterious Cities of Gold. Episode 15 of a 39-part animated adventure serial
**4.35** The Movie Game. Round two of the film and video quiz presented by Phillip Schofield. Taking part are pupils from Trevelyan Middle School, Windsor; Frogwell County Primary School, Chippenham; and Barrack Hill Primary School, Stockport.
**5.00** Newsround **5.10** Degrassi Junior High. American high school series (r). (Ceefax)
**5.35** Neighbours (r).
**6.00** Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Anna Ford. Weather
**6.30** Newsroom South East
**7.00** Wogan with Sue Lawley. Tonight's guests are Jason Donovan, Victoria Coren, William Hague MP and Professor Neville Butler
**7.40** No Place Like Home. Domestic comedy series starring William Gaunt and Patricia Garwood (r).
**8.10** Dallas. Bobby's romance with Tracey is threatened when the feud between the Ewings and Carter McKay flares up again; and Cliff is beside himself when an old flame, Afton Cooper, returns to town. (Ceefax)
**9.00** A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Labour Party
**9.10** News with Martyn Lewis. Regional news and weather
**9.40** Inside Story: The Psychic Tearoom. (Ceefax) (see Choice)
**10.30** Film 89: Barry Norman's Guide to the Cannes Film Festival.
**11.00** Film: Quartet (1981) starring Alan Bates, Maggie Smith, Isabelle Adjani and Anthony Higgins. Drama, based on Jean Rhys's autobiographical novel, set in 1927 Paris, about a beautiful young woman who goes to stay at the home of an expatriate English couple when her husband is gaoled for fraud, with explosive sexual results. Directed by James Ivory
**12.35** Weather.

## ITV/LONDON

**6.00** TV-am begins with News and The Morning Programme introduced by Richard Keys; **7.00** News followed by Good Morning Britain presented by Mike Morris and Kathy Tayler; **8.00** News; **9.00** News and After Nine which includes an item on child health.
**9.25** Cross Wits. Crossword game show hosted by Tom O'Connor **9.55** Thames news and weather
**10.00** The Time ... The Place ... Mike Scott is in the chair for another discussion on a topical matter
**10.40** This Morning. Magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes an item on infertility. Plus national and international news at **10.55** and regional news at **11.55** followed by national weather
**12.10** Allsorts. For the young (r). **12.30** A Country Practice.
**1.00** News at One with John Suchet. Weather **1.20** Thames news and weather
**1.30** Something to Treasure. Antiques series presented by Su Evans and Geoffrey Bond. Today's guest is actor Derek Nimmo, who discusses his collection of Derby porcelain. Followed by Crimestoppers. **2.00** Richmond Hill. Australian drama series
**3.00** Tell the Truth. Pick-the-impostar game show presented by Fred Dinenage **3.25** Thames news and weather **3.30** Sons and Daughters. Australian family drama series
**4.00** The Telebugs (r). **4.05** The Raggy Dolls (r) **4.20** E. M. U-TV starring Rod Hull **4.40** Children's Ward. Drama serial set in the children's ward of a general hospital
**5.10** Home and Away. Drama about an Australian couple and their five foster children
**5.45** News with Fiona Armstrong. Weather **5.55** Thames news and weather
**6.25** Thames Help! with news of the Volunteer Stroke Scheme.
**6.30** Emmerdale Farm. The Rev Hinton decides to lock his church overnight but has a fall and is unable to summon help
**7.00** Busman's Holiday. Sarah Kennedy with another edition of the geography and travel quiz game for teams. (Oracle)
**7.30** Coronation Street. Bet receives Alec's hardest blow; and Don is confident of his dog's chances at the evening's meeting. (Oracle)
**8.00** Sporting Triangles presented by Andy Craig. This week Jimmy Greaves is joined by Bryan Robson; Andy Gray by John Regis; and Emlyn Hughes by John Parrott.
**8.30** No Strings. Domestic comedy series starring Edward Petherbridge and Jean Marsh. This week a welfare benefits officer visits Rosie to see if she really has been abandoned and discovers Sam's feet sticking out from under the table.
**9.00** The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes: The Speckled Band. Holmes and Watson are approached by a young woman fearful that she will follow the same fate as her sister, who died a strange death two years earlier. Starring Jeremy Brett, David Burke and Rosalyn Landor (r). (Oracle)
**10.00** A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Labour Party
**10.10** News with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall **10.40** Thames news and weather
**10.45** Midweek Sport Special introduced by Nick Owen. Football: highlights of the European Cup final between AC Milan and Steaua Bucharest at the Nou Camp Stadium, Barcelona; plus action from the Barclays League play-offs; and Boxing: a preview of next week's super-featherweight contest between Barry McGuigan and Jim McDonnell.
**12.00** Return to Eden. A secret from Jake's past is discovered by Jilly (r).
**1.30** America's Top Ten introduced by Casey Kasem
**2.00** News headlines followed by Kojak. The New York detective helps a young girl trying to prove her father innocent of the murder for which he has been found guilty
**3.00** Quiz Night Challenge presented by Ross King
**3.30** Grand Ole Opry. Country and western music
**4.00** News headlines followd by Three's Company. Comedy series
**4.30** Fifty Years On. Vintage newsclips
**5.00** ITN Morning News with Gavin Scott. Ends at **6.00.**

## BBC 2

**6.55** Open University: the Origins of State Social Work. Ends at **7.20. 9.00** Ceefax
**10.05** Daytime on Two: for four- and five-year olds **10.20** Ceefax **11.00** Words and pictures **11.15** How language works **11.35** The rise of industry in South Wales **11.55** Ceefax **12.15** A-level biology: genetics **12.35** Job-sharing **1.00** Business matters
**1.25** Green Claws with Nick Mercer and Stella Goodier (r). **1.40** Zig Zag. Ancient Greek theatre (r).
**2.00** News and weather followed by Storytime. Iain Lauchlan and the story of *The Magic Birthday Cake* (r). **2.15** Holiday Outings. Bill Buckley visits Shetland (r).
**2.25** Racing from Goodwood. The 2.40, 3.10, 3.40 and 4.10 races. Includes news and weather at **3.00** and **3.50**
**4.25** The Historyman. Bryan McNerney tours Oxborough Hall, Norfolk (r).
**4.30** Robbie — A Ripe Old Age. Fyfe Robertson in conversation with Sir Charles Forte (r).
**5.00** Death of a Farm. How cuts in milk quotas have caused a farm to close in Woolsery, North Devon
**5.30** Gardeners' World from Barnsdale and Careby (r).
**6.00** DEF II begins with Buck Rogers in the 25th Century. Vintage science fiction adventures **6.50** Rapido. French pop music series presented by Antoine de Caunes **7.20** Rough Guide to Europe. A visitor's alternative guide to Dublin
**8.10** Chelsea Flower Show. Peter Seabrook, Alan Titchmarsh and Roy Lancaster tour the Royal Horticultural Society's premier show and hear the stories behind the exhibits and displays
**9.00** *M*A*S*H.* Charles decides to slip Radar's pet mouse a small stimulant when it is entered in a rodent race (r).
**9.25** Shalom Salaam. The fifth and final part of the drama series and Adam returns from Israel to discover that Mumtaz is about to marry Said Farrukh. (Ceefax)
**10.25** A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Labour Party
**10.35** Newsnight presented by Donald MacCormick includes an item on potentially lethal dogs in this country
**11.20** The Late Show includes a discussion on gay male fiction between Edmund White, David Leavitt and Tom Wakefield **12.00** Weather.
**12.05am** Open University: Learning Maths Together **12.30am** Lightning Does Strike Twice! Ends at **1.00.**

## CHANNEL 4

**6.00** The Channel Four Daily includes national and international news; weather; travel reports; business news; an arts and entertainments guide; sports news; and consumer advice.
**9.25** Schools
**12.00** The Parliament Programme presented by Glyn Mathias and Alastair Stewart
**12.30** Business Daily. Financial and business news service introduced by Susannah Simons
**1.00** Jobsearch. The first of a five-part series on how to get a job (r). (Oracle)
**1.30** The Carers. How a 91-year-old was helped to adjust to life in an old people's home (r). (Oracle)
**2.00** Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series
**2.30** On Trial. The second of three programmes about the law (r).
**3.30** Bottom's Dream. Animated film from the United States
**3.40** The Oprah Winfrey Show. A Bette Midler special.
**4.30** Fifteen-to-One. Fast-moving general knowledge quiz game presented by William G. Stewart
**5.00** Storywheel. For both hearing and deaf children. Presented by Peter Llewellyn-Jones, Jeffrey McWhinney and Maureen Denmark.
**5.30** Mister Ed (b/w). Vintage comedy series starring Alan Young as a man with a talking horse
**6.00** Mork & Mindy. Comedy with Robin Williams and Pam Dawber
**6.30** Tales Out of School. The last in the series on this country's education system (r).
**7.00** Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen
**7.50** Party Political Comment from a Democrat politician. Followed by Weather
**8.00** *Brookside. Kirsty is put out when* she sees Rod and Emma together. (Oracle)
**8.30** Dispatches. (see Choice)
**9.15** Octopus — Power of the Mafia. Episode five of the six-part drama about one Italian policeman's fight against organized crime. Tonight Inspector Cattani is under *increased pressure after the Mafia* kidnap his daughter. Starring Michele Placido (r).
**10.15** Club X. Off-beat entertainment featuring work from a wide range of young talent from television, film schools and pop promos
**11.45** The Session. Music series featuring, tonight, Nanci Griffith, Peter Rowan, Jerry Douglas and Mark O'Connor
**12.45am** Max Headroom. American drama series starring Matt Frewer. Ends at **1.40.**

## SATELLITE

### SKY CHANNEL

**5.30am** European Business Channel **6.00** The DJ Kat Show **8.30** Panel Pot Pourri **10.00** The Sullivans **10.30** Sky By Day **11.30** A Problem Shared **12.00pm** Another World **12.55** General Hospital **1.50** As The World Turns **2.45** Loving **3.15** Family Affair
**3.45** Care Bears **4.00** *Countdown* **5.00** The Young Doctors **5.30** Three's Company **6.00** Sky Star Search **7.00** Hey Dad **8.00** Mr Belvedere **8.30** The Miss Universe Pageant 1989 **10.30** Jameson Tonight **11.30** Top End Down Under **12.30am** The Landscape Channel

### SKY NEWS

News on the hour
**6.30am** European Business Channel **11.30** Our World **12.30pm** NBC Today **1.30** NBC Today **2.30** Beyond 2000 **3.30** BMTV Good Health **4.30** *Our World* **5.30** Beyond 2000 **6.30** Wild West End
**7.30** The Reporters **8.30** The Frank Bough Interview **9.30** Newsline **10.30** The Reporters **11.30** NBC Nightly News **12.30am** Wild West End **1.30** Newsline **2.30** The Frank Bough Interview **3.30** The Reporters **4.30** Beyond 2000 **5.30** *Entertainment Tonight*

### SKY MOVIES

**4.00pm** The Dove (1974): With Timothy Hutton. Directed by Charles Jarrott
**6.00** Miracles (1986): Starring Tom Conti. Directed by Jim Kouf
**8.00** Daniel (1983): Political drama with *Timothy Hutton. Directed by Sidney* Lumet
**10.15** The Shadow of Chikara: Post Civil War adventure. Directed by Earl E Smith
**12.00am** The Woman in Red (1984):Gene Wilder stars in and directs this romantic farce

### EUROSPORT

**10.30am** Eurosport — What A Week! **11.30** European Gymnastics **12.30pm** Italian Open Golf **1.30** The Rome Horse Show
**2.30** World Cup Football **3.30** Middlesex Sevens — Rugby Union **4.30** Eurosport Programme *Menu* **6.00** *Trans World Sport* **7.00** European Gymnastics **8.00** British Open Squash Championship **9.00** The Rome Horse Show **10.00** European Cup Final

### MTV

**6.00am** VJ Kristiane Backer **11.00** Remote Control **11.30** XPO **12.30pm** MTV! **2.00** Yo! Mix **2.30** VJ Marcel Vanthilt **4.00** The Coca-Cola Report **4.15** 3 from 1 **4.30** VJ Maiken Wexo **5.30** Club MTV **6.00** MTV at the Movies **6.30** Remote Control
**7.00** US Top 20 Countdown **9.00** MTV Spotlight **9.30** VJ Kristiane Backer **9.45** *The Coca-Cola Report* **10.00** MTV at the Movies **10.30** VJ Marcel Vanthilt **11.00** MTV — Yo! **11.30** MTV — Funk Mix **12.00am** Club MTV **12.30** Night Videos

### PREMIERE

**3.00pm** Glory Years **5.30** G-Force **6.00** Sebastian and the Sparrow **7.30** Red Shoes **8.00** Crossroads **9.35** Hollywood Insiders
**10.00** On the Edge **11.30** Amazing Stories **1.15am** Crossroads

### SCREENSPORT

**3.00pm** *Powersports International* **4.00** Motor Racing **5.00** Major League Baseball '89 **7.30** Auto Racing **8.45** NHL Ice Hockey
**10.45** Spain Spain Sport **11.00** AWA Wrestling

### LIFESTYLE

**9.00am** It Figures **9.30** Search for Tomorrow **9.55** Travelview Tips **10.00** Wok with Yan **10.30** The Lifestyle Coffee Break **10.35** The Edge of the Night
**11.00** The Great American Gameshow **12.20** Buy Lines **12.25** Sally Jessy Raphael **12.50** Before That...This **1.00** Search for Tomorrow **1.25** *Afternoon Cinema: Royal* Wedding

## VARIATIONS

**BBC1** WALES: **6.30pm-7.00** Wales Today **9.40** Between Ourselves **10.10-11.00** Inside Story: The Psychic Tearoom **12.35am** Film 89 **1.05-1.10** News and weather SCOTLAND **9.20am-10.00** The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland **10.50** Dotaman **11.00-12.00** News, weather, The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland **2.15pm-3.50** The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland **6.30-7.00** Reporting Scotland NORTHERN IRELAND: **1.50pm** Balmoral Show '89 **3.00-3.50** Knots Landing **5.40-6.00** *Inside Ulster* **6.30** *Neighbours* **6.58-7.00** Inside Ulster Update ENGLAND: **6.30pm-7.00** Regional news magazines

**BBC2** SCOTLAND: **5.00pm** After Adlard Coles **5.30-6.00** The Beechgrove Garden NORTHERN IRELAND: **10.40am-11.00** Ceefax

**ANGLIA** As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** The Sullivans **1.20-1.30** News **5.10-5.40** Hitman **6.00** About Anglia **6.30-7.00** Home and Away **12.00** Hammer House of Horror **1.00am** Donahue **2.00** Quiz Night **2.30** Really Weird Tales **3.05** Rock of Europe **4.00** Family Affairs **4.30-5.00** Hillary's Adventures

**BORDER** As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** England Their England **1.20-1.30** News **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Lookaround **12.00** On the Live Side **12.30am** Donahue **1.30** The Fugitive **2.30** Good Life Guide **3.30** Night Beat **4.10-5.00** 60 Minutes

**CENTRAL** As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Gardening Time **1.20-1.30** News **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **5.10-5.40** Hitman **6.00** News **6.35-7.00** Home and Away **12.00** Donahue **1.00am** Short Story Theatre **1.50** America's Top Ten **2.20** Wrestling **3.20** Hit Man and Her **4.20-6.00** Jobfinder

**CHANNEL** As London except: **1.20pm** Royal Visit **1.30-2.00** Coast to Coast People **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Channel Report **12.00** Film: Scars of Dracula **2.00am** Night Beat **3.00** Spandau Ballet **4.05-5.00** 60 Minutes

**GRAMPIAN** As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** The Sullivans **1.20-1.30** Grampian News **5.55-6.30** North Tonight **12.00** Nine to Five **12.30am** *Donahue* **1.30** *The Fugitive* **2.30** *Good Life* Guide **3.00** Night Beat **3.55** George Harrison **4.10-5.00** 60 Minutes

**GRANADA** As London except: **12.30-1.00pm** The Sullivans **1.20-1.30** Granada Reports **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **5.55-6.30** Granada Reports **12.00** Mary **12.30am** Donahue **1.30** The Fugitive **2.30** Good Life Guide **3.00** Jazz **3.55** George Harrison **4.10-5.00** 60 Minutes

**HTV WEST** As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Gardening Time **1.20-1.30** News **5.55-6.30** News **12.00** Donahue **1.00am** Film: Valley of the Dolls **3.10** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **3.35** Silk Road **4.30-5.00** America's Top Ten

**HTV WALES** As *HTV West* except: **5.55-6.30pm** Wales at Six

**TSW** As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** The Young Doctors **1.20-1.30** News **6.00-6.30** Today **12.00** I am an Hotel **12.30am** Donahue **1.30** The Fugitive **2.30** Good Life Guide **3.00** Night Beat **3.55** George Harrison **4.10-5.00** 60 Minutes

**TVS** As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.00** Coast to Coast People **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **5.55-6.30** Coast to Coast **12.00** Film: Scars of Dracula **2.00am** Night Beat **3.00** Spandau Ballet **4.05-5.00** 60 Minutes

**TYNE TEES** As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Gardening Time **1.20-1.30** News **5.55-6.30** Northern Life **12.00** WKRP in Cincinnati **12.30am** Donahue **1.30** The Fugitive **2.30** Good Life Guide **3.00** Jazz **3.55** George Harrison **4.10-5.00** 60 Minutes

**ULSTER** As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** The Young Doctors **1.20-1.30** Newstime **6.00-6.30** Six Tonight **12.00** The Twilight Zone **12.30am** Donahue **1.30** *The Fugitive* **2.30** Good Life Guide **3.00** Night Beat **3.45** George Harrison **4.00-5.00** 60 Minutes

**YORKSHIRE** As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** The Young Doctors **1.20-1.30** News **3.30-4.00** Country Practice **6.00-6.30** Calendar **12.00** Film: Drums Along the Mohawk 1.55 Night Gallery 2.30 Quiz Night 3.00 Music Box 4.00 Family Affairs 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder

**S4C** Starts: **6.00am** C4 Daily **9.00** Interviewing Selection **9.30** Schools **12.00** The Parliament *Programme* **12.30pm** *Newyddion* **12.35** *Ffalabalam* **1.00** Sesame Street **1.30** Business Daily **2.00** Generations **2.30** Politics of Food **3.30** Women Working **4.00** Mister Ed* **4.30** Fifteen to One **5.00** Mork and Mindy **5.30** Lone Ranger* **6.00** News **6.15** Smyrffs **6.40** Sgwano **7.00** Mil O Alwadau **7.30** Sturmiau **8.00** Hel Straeon **8.30** Newyddion **8.56** Ffermio **9.25** Film: Fail Safe* **11.30** Movie Museum* **11.45** The Session **12.45am** Max Headroom **1.40** Closedown

**RTE 1** Starts: **2.30pm** World War II **3.00** Smithsonian World **4.00** Emmerdale Farm **4.30** *Peter the Great* **5.20** *Soviet Union 1929-33* **5.30** Country Practice **6.00** Angelus **6.01** Six-One **7.00** Two's Company **7.30** Face of the Earth **8.00** Rumpole of the Bailey **9.00** News **9.30** Today Tonight **10.30** Dirtwater Dynasty **11.30** Dear John **11.55** News, Closedown

**NETWORK 2** Starts: **2.30pm** Bosco **3.00** Five with Forty **3.10** Flipper **3.40** Storybreak **4.05** Worzel Gummidge **4.30** Happy Birthday **4.45** Real Ghostbusters **5.15** Look Around **5.25** Dick Barton **5.50** Snub **6.25** Home and Away **6.55** Nuacht **7.05** Soccer **9.30** Coronation Street **10.00** Molly Dodd **10.30** Network News **10.50** thirtysomething **11.45** Closedown

## RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW
*News on the half-hour from* **6.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.30**
**5.00am** Adrian John **6.30** Simon Mayo **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Mark Goodier **7.30** Walters's Weekly **8.30** John Peel **10.00** Nicky Campbell **12.00-2.00** Richard Skinner

## RADIO 2

FM stereo and MW
News on the hour. Headlines **6.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30**
**4.00am** Bill Rennells **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Angela Rippon **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Joe Brown **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Folk in 2 **8.30** Acoustic Roots **9.00** Listen To The Band **10.00** Radio Fun **10.30** Thanks for the Memory **11.00** Round Midnight **1.00** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

### WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST.
4.45am News; Weather and Travel Information; Sports News 4.55 Financial News 5.00 World News followed by Twenty-four Hours 5.30 Londres Matin 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Meridian 7.00 World News 7.09 Twenty-four Hours followed by News Summary and Financial News 7.30 Development '89 8.00 World News 8.09 Words of Faith 8.15 Business Matters 8.30 Jazz Score 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup 9.45 Help Yourself 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Omnibus 10.30 Londres Midi 11.00 World News 11.09 News about Britain 11.15 Country Style 11.30 Meridian 12.00pm Newsreel 12.15 They Made Our World 12.25 The Farming World 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News 1.09 Twenty-four Hours followed by News Summary and Financial News 1.30 Development '89 2.00 Outlook, opening with World News 2.45 Business Matters 3.00 Newsreel 3.15 BBC English 3.30 Heute Aktuell 4.00 World News 4.09 News about Britain 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Londres Soir 5.15 The World Today 5.30 Heute Aktuell 6.00 Kaleidoskop 6.30 Thema der Woche, Sendung für Dxer 6.54 Nachrichten 7.00 Outlook (from 6.45) 7.10 Financial News 7.15 Sportsworld: European Cup Final in Barcelona 8.00 World News followed by The World Today 8.25 Words of Faith 8.30 Assignment 9.00 News Summary 9.01 Sports Roundup 9.15 Voices 9.45 Recording of the Week 1.00 Newshour 11.00 World News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Good Books 11.30 Multitrack 2 12.00am Newsdesk 12.30 Flying the Flag 1.00 News Summary 1.01 Outlook 1.25 Financial News 1.30 Waveguide 1.40 Book Choice 1.45 Society Today 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Newsreel 2.30 Assignment 3.00 World News 3.15 Network UK 3.30 The World Today 3.45 Nachrichten und Presseschau 4.00 Morgenmagazin 4.33 Tips für Touristen .37 Nachrichten

## RADIO 3

**6.55am** Weather and News Headlines
**7.00** Morning Concert: Ravel (Jeux d'eau: Vlado Perlemuter, piano); Dargomizhky (Bolero: USSR Academic SO under Yevgeny Svetlanov); Wagner (Overture; Rienzi: Berlin PO under Klaus Tennstedt)
**7.30** News
**7.35** Morning Concert (contd.): Weber (Overture, Oberon: Berlin PO under Herbert von Karajan); Smetana (From Bohemia's Woods and Fields, Ma Vlast: Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra under Vaclav Neumann); Dvořák (Silent Woods: Berlin PO under Lorin Maazel with Yo Yo Ma, cello); Johann Strauss, son (Tales from the Vienna Woods: Johann Strauss Orchestra of Vienna under Willi Boskovsky); Bax (The Happy Forest: Ulster Orchestra under Bryden Thomson)
**8.30** News
**8.35** Composers of the Week: Vivaldi. In turbata mare irato, RV 627 (Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra under Jean Lamon, with Emma Kirkby, soprano); Concerto in C, RV 114; Concerto per la solennità di S.Lorenzo, RV 556 (Taverner Players under Andrew Parrott); Magnificat, RV 610 (Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra and Chamber Choir under Jean Lamon)
**9.35** Strauss: String Quartet in A, Op 2: Delmé String Quartet (r)
**10.05** *Mikhail Pletnev. The pianist* plays Grieg's Lyric pieces: Bell Ringing, Op 54 No 6; Homesickness, Op 57 No 6; Berceuse, Op 38 No 1; Butterfly, Op 43, No 1; Grandmother's Minuet, Op 68 No 2; Vanished Days, Op 57 No 1; March of the *Trolls, Op 54 No 3;* Tchaikovsky's Children's Album, Op 39 (r)
**11.00** Midweek Choice. Susan Sharpe introduces Kodaly's Minuetto serio (Philharmonia Hungarica under Antal Dorati); Tchaikovsky's Fantasy Overture, Romeo and Juliet (RPO under Thomas Beecham); Elgar's Sea Pictures (LSO under George Weldon); Mendelssohn's Piano Concerto No 1 in G minor (Academy of St Martin-in-the-Field under Neville Marriner); Brahms's Symphony No 4 in E minor (Columbia SO under Bruno Walter)
**1.00pm** News
**1.05** Concert Hall. The Britten String Quartet play Haydn's Quartet in D minor, Op 76 No 2 and Britten's Quartet No 3
**2.00** Record Review (r)
**3.10** Vintage Years. From the repertoire of Scriabin's son-in-law, the pianist Vladimir Sofronitzki, who became a *cult figure in the Soviet* Union of the 1950s: Scriabin (Preludes, Op 11, selection); Chopin (Nocturne in D flat, Op 27 No 2; Waltz in D flat, Op 70 No 3); Rachmaninov (Preludes, Op 32 No 5 in G; No 12 in G sharp minor); Schumann (Variations on a Theme by Clara Wieck, Op 14); Scriabin (Sonate-fantaisie in G sharp minor, Op 19; Poème: Vers la flamme, Op 72)
**4.00** Solemn Evening Prayer. Live from Magdalen College Chapel, Oxford
**5.00** Music for Brass. First of two programmes featuring the music of Eric Ball (born 1903). Vaughan Williams (Prelude on Three Welsh Hymn Tunes: London Brass Virtuosi under David Honeyball); Dean Goffin (Variations, My Strength, My Tower: Enfield Citadel Band under James Williams); Eric Ball (Exodus: Kettering Citadel Band under Donald Manning)
**5.30** Mainly for Pleasure
**7.00** News
**7.05** Third Ear
**7.30** Scriabin: Piano Sonata No 6 in A (*Vladimir Ashkenazy*)
**7.45** London Mozart Players. Part One. Live from the Queen Elizabeth Hall, Jane Glover conducts Haydn's Symphony No 81 in G; JC Bach's Sinfonia concertante in C
**8.30** New Voices: Martyn Crucefix reads his poetry at the Royal Festival Hall
**8.50** London Mozart Players. Part 2. Strauss (Duett-concertino: Angela Malsbury, clarinet; Graham Sheen, bassoon); Mozart (A Musical Joke)
**9.40** As Pure as Driven Snow, by Stuart Hannabuss. Read by Michael Elder. The new vicar seems too good to be true (r)
**10.00** Kafka Fragments: Gyorgy Kurtag's cycle of settings for voice and violin (Adrienne Csengery, soprano, Andras Keller, violin)
**11.00** Composers of the Week: Smetana (Symponic poem: Wallenstein's Camp; Quartet *No 1; Sarka, Ma Vlast) (r)*
**12.00am** News **12.05** Close

## RADIO 4

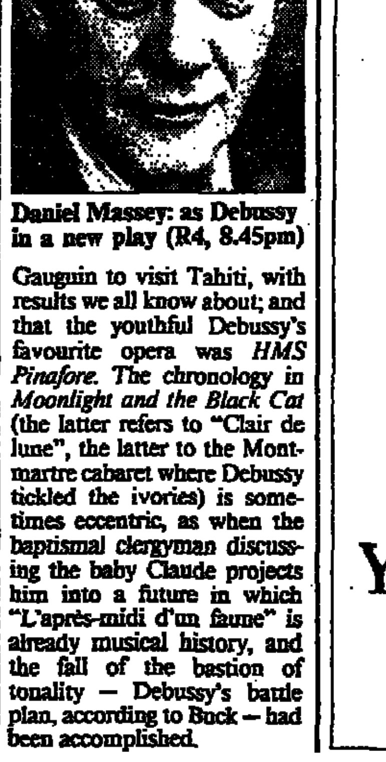
LW (s) stereo on FM
**5.55am** Shipping Forecast
**6.00** News Briefing; Weather
**6.10** Farming today
**6.25** Prayer for the Day (s)
**6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament
**8.57** Weather
**9.00** News
**9.05** Midweek. With Libby Purves and guests: playwright Arnold Wesker, interviewed by Sheridan Morley; musician Geoffrey Oryema, Annabel Dick who has written a novel about East European exiles living in London; and dancer, singer and musician Zenga Longmore, author of *Tap Tap to Trinidad* (s)
**10.00** News; Gardeners' Question Time. The team give ideas for filling tubs, window boxes and baskets
**10.30** Morning Story: The Unbearable Shortness of Holidays by Kate Pullinger
**10.45** Daily Service (s)
**11.00** *News; The Wednesday* Feature: The Wandering Scholar. A celebration of the life of poet, translator, patriot and internationalist Helen Waddell, who was born 100 years ago
**11.47** Just Three Wishes. Robert Booth offers guests three wishes. Today he is joined by poet Brian Patten
**12.00pm** News; You and Yours
**12.25** Winston (5 of 6). By Peter Tinniswood, with Maurice Denham as Father and Shirley Dixon as Nancy (s)
**1.00** The World at One
**1.40** The Archers
**1.55** Shipping Forecast
**2.00** *News; Woman's Hour:* Includes an interview with Jackie Pullinger, who has recently returned from working with drug addicts in Hong Kong and believes that a strong Christian faith can help sufferers (see page 13); plus a discussion *on sugar with Joanna Scott* of the Sugar Bureau and Maggie Sanderson, a lecturer in nutrition and diet at the North London Polytechnic; a review of the career of one of this century's most influential garden designers, Gertrude Jekyll; and a report on a new scheme from the NSPCC aimed at teaching children the skills of parenthood
**3.00** News; Recce. Play by Don Howarth (s)
**3.47** Time for Verse George MacBeth talks to poet Norman McCaig about his life and work (new series)
**4.00** News
**4.05** File on 4, with reporter Felicity Goodey
**4.45** Kaleidoscope Extra: Discussion on UK commemorations of the French Revolution (s)
**5.00** PM
**5.50** Shipping Forecast
**5.55** Weather
**6.00** Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
**6.30** Brain of Britain 1989. Robert Robinson chairs the nationwide general-knowledge contest (s)
**7.00** News
**7.05** The Archers
**7.20** Face the Facts. John Waite investigates
**7.45** Star Terk II. Space comedy series with Jeffrey Holland, Christopher Godwin, Susie Blake and Fred Harris (s)
**8.15** Medicine Now, with Geoff Watts
**8.45** Moonlight and the Black Cat. By David Buck. Sketches from the life of Claude Debussy, starring Daniel Massey as the exciting and innovative composer (see Choice) (s)
**9.45** Kaleidoscope: Includes reviews of Kazuo Ishiguro's book *The Remains of the Day* and *As You Like It*, starring Fiona Shaw at the Old Vic Theatre; plus an interview with Don McCullin, best known for his war photography but whose new book features menacing pictures of Somerset; and *an interview with John* Mauceri, director of the Scottish National Opera's *Streetscene* at the Glasgow Theatre Royal (s)
**10.15** A Book at Bedtime: Clean Young Englishman by John Gale (8 of 12)
**10.29** Weather
**10.30** *The World Tonight*
**11.15** The Financial World Tonight
**11.30** Today in Parliament
**12.00-12.30am** News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
FM as LW except:
**11.00am-12.00** For Schools
**1.55-3.00pm** For Schools
**5.50-5.55** PM (continued)
**11.30-12.10am** Open University:
**11.30** Modern Art: Blaue Reiter
**11.50** Free Will or Utopia?
**12.30-1.10** Schools Night-Time

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;FM-97.6-99.8. (London area FM-104.8.) Radio 2: 693kHz/433m;909kHz/330m;FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/ 247m; FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m;FM-92.4-94.6. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. Greater London Radio: 1458kHz/206m; *FM 94.9;* World Service: MW 648kHz/463m.

## RADIO CHOICE

Peter Davalle

● Name dropping, the subtitle for the first episode of **Moonlight and the Black Cat** (Radio 4, 8.45pm), a two-part impression of the life of Debussy, refers to the fact that Debussy shed one of his two Christian names and, less trivially, to the fact that practically every composer hard at work in the 1870s and 1880s is honourably mentioned tonight. The late David Buck, whose last radio play *this is, did his homework well.* We are told, for instance, that Debussy's godmother, a lady of easy virtue, borrowed her name from Leonardo's "Whore of Babylon"; that his godfather encouraged



Daniel Massey: as Debussy in a new play (R4, 8.45pm)

Gauguin to visit Tahiti, with results we all know about; and that the youthful Debussy's favourite opera was *HMS Pinafore*. The chronology in *Moonlight and the Black Cat* (the latter refers to "Clair de lune", the latter to the Montmartre cabaret where Debussy tickled the ivories) is sometimes eccentric, as when the baptismal clergyman discussing the baby Claude projects him into a future in which "L'après-midi d'un faune" is already musical history, and the fall of the bastion of tonality — Debussy's battle plan, according to Buck — had been accomplished.

# Britain presses for ivory sale ban

By Andrew Morgan

Britain yesterday took the lead in the European Community in calling for a total international ban on trade in new African ivory because of the alarming decline in elephant numbers as a result of poaching for tusks.

The Prime Minister endorsed an announcement by Lord Caithness, Minister of State at the Department of the Environment, who will seek European support for a ban at the next meeting of environment ministers in Luxembourg on June 8.

Mrs Thatcher spoke of the "worrying tendency" to sell ivory and added: "We really believe that the sale of new ivory should be stopped altogether."

Numbers of African elephants have declined from 1.3 million in 1979 to estimates of between 300,000 and 400,000 now.

Limited trade in ivory takes place under the Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (Cites) and the first move towards a total ban will be at the Cites conference in October, where there will be resolutions to move the African elephant from Appendix II of the convention to Appendix I, prohibiting trade in new ivory.

Seven of the 102 states attached to Cites have called for a total ban on trade in ivory from African elephants.

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The Indian elephant is already on Appendix I.

The World Wide Fund for Nature welcomed the British announcement but called on EC governments to ban all imports as soon as possible because any changes in a Cites appendix would not occur before January.

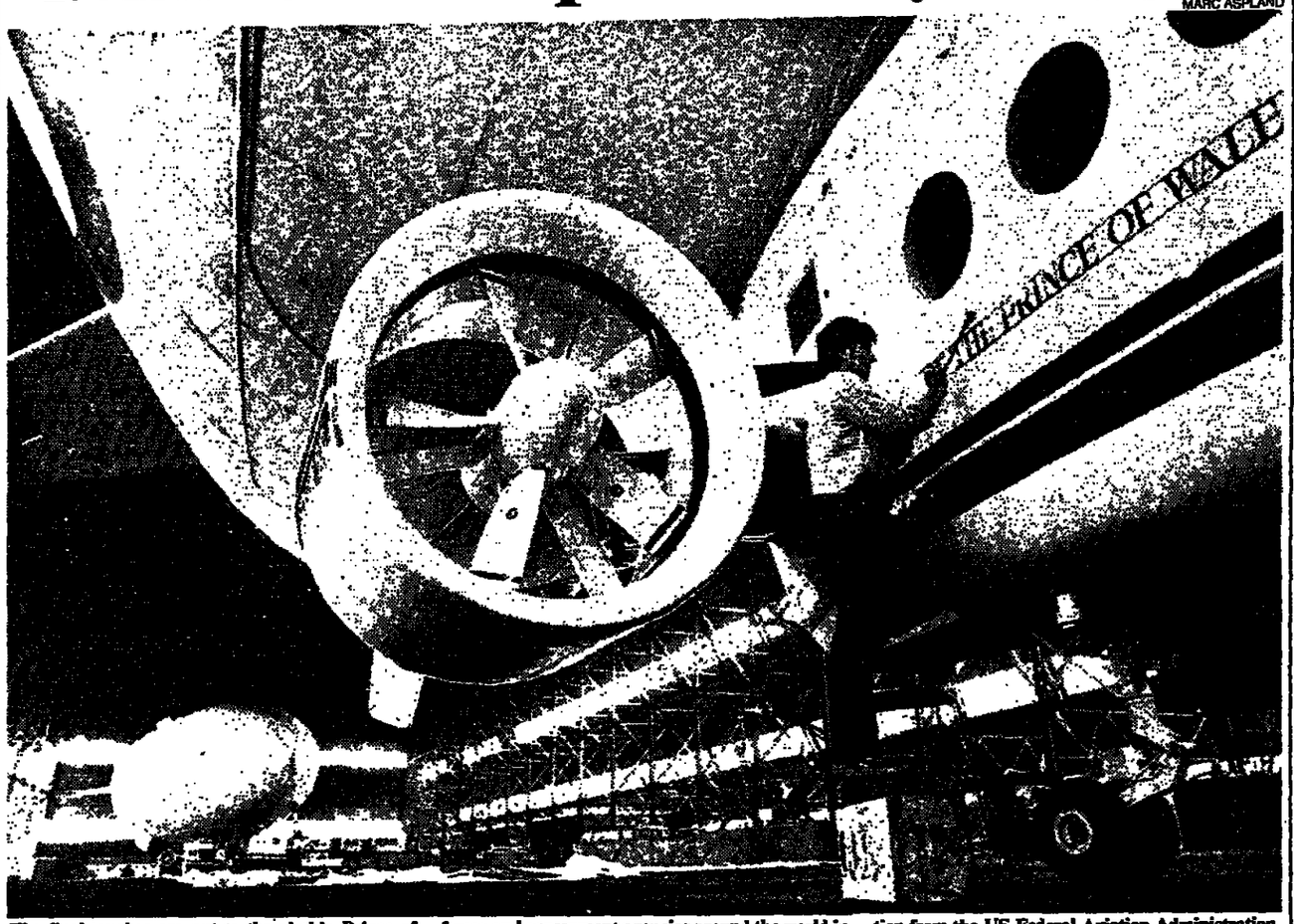
It also pointed out that Britain is party to Cites on behalf on Hong Kong, the centre of a $50 million ivory business. Mr Simon Lyster, senior conservation officer, said: "It's extremely important that Britain does not enter a reservation on behalf of the colony. However, it could be under massive pressure because a ban could put a lot of people out of business in Hong Kong."

A working group met in London yesterday, with representatives from Cites and the New York Zoological Society, to gather information on the ivory trade and elephant populations. Its report will go to a meeting of the African Elephant Working Group in Botswana.

Mr Lyster, a delegate, conceded that an ivory ban would be hard to implement and there would have to be a large-scale enforcement move. He said the World Wide Fund for Nature would try to ensure that sufficient funds were available for monitoring work and for wildlife departments in Africa to contain poaching.

# Final brush-up for a royal flight

MARC ASPLAND




**The final touches are put to the airship Prince of Wales in preparation for a royal demonstration flight on Tuesday from RAF Kemble, Gloucestershire. The Prince, an enthusiastic aviator, is likely to take the co-pilot's seat in the Airship Industries Skyship 600 during the flight when Captain Peter Hemming shows off the aircraft's versatile performance as an aerial observation platform (Ronald Faux writes). Growing interest has come from police forces and government agencies around the world in the surveillance applications of airships and the company has secured a $169 million contract for the US Navy to build a 400 ft version to act as an airborne early warning radar platform above the US fleet. The Prince of Wales craft is a more modest variant. It can carry 13 passengers at about 35 knots for up to 24 hours. The aircraft costs about £5 million and recently received full type certification from the US Federal Aviation Administration. The fleet of 14 Skyship 600s operates in many locations around the world, including Japan and Korea. The Prince, a qualified pilot of conventional aircraft, will be accompanied on his flight by Admiral Edward J Hogan Jr, chief executive of Airship Industries, and Mr Roger Munk, the company's technical director, who founded Airship Industries more than a decade ago.**

# Scientists predict another summer of 1976

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However, forecasters believe the drop in mean temperatures will not stop May 1989 from setting records for warmth over much of southern Britain.

In Scotland, the spell of hot weather came to an end last night as thunder showers moved in from the north-west.

In the West Midlands, violent electrical storms cut power supplies to thousands of homes, with south Herefordshire and Worcestershire hit worst.

The Midlands Electricity Board had to draft in additional engineers to restore supplies, and the AA reported a spate of minor road accidents in a "mini-monsoon".

At Stourton in Wiltshire, Mr Richard Sercumb, an amateur cameraman, nearly burned his house down while trying to film a lightning storm by candlelight.

Mr Philip Blake was taken to hospital at Bangor, Gwynedd, after lightning struck a gold cross around his neck while he was out walking.

In Hampshire, the Southampton and District Beekeepers' Association announced the formation of a "beebusters" squad to recapture swarms that had escaped from hives. The bees had descended on two young children from Locks Heath, near Portsmouth.

The South West Water Authority asked customers to reduce consumption, saying the shortage was especially acute around Axminster in east Devon. Water levels had also fallen in treatment plants and pumping stations.

The Lee Valley Water Company issued a similar warning at Luton in Bedfordshire, where reserves in the reservoirs reached a "critically low" level. The company also asked residents in Dunstable, Bedfordshire, and Hitchin, Hertfordshire, to conserve water.

In East Anglia, patrols were sent to check the use of lawn sprinklers after householders in parts of Suffolk complained to Anglian Water that their taps were running dry.

In Cumbria, the National Trust asked British Nuclear Fuels to reduce the four million gallons of water it takes every day for its nuclear reprocessing complex at Sellafield.

**British time could soon be brought into line with the rest of Europe, a move which would mean darker mornings and lighter evenings throughout the year (Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent, writes). A report to be published by the Government next month will show that a majority of the special interests which would be affected by such a change now back it. Government departments have been undertaking a consultation exercise after a request from the European Community to Britain to bring its time into line with the other EC states. The Government is to take a neutral line when the report is published and a wider public debate opened. But some ministers are making no secret of their backing for the change and expect it will come about.**

# Labour launches its manifesto for EC elections

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liament. Her style is to talk tough and maximize resentment against Britain, but she has too often given way on the issues that matter."

Though the manifesto castigates the Government for failing to prepare British industry sufficiently for 1992, it also confirms that Labour and Conservative policies have many points in common on Europe. Labour too opposes any creation of a tier of government in Brussels, economic and monetary union and the harmonization of VAT rates.

And Mr Kinnock, as well as Mrs Thatcher, has a long list of conditions to be filled before he would contemplate a Labour government taking Britain into the Exchange Rate Mechanism of the European Monetary System. He said yesterday it would require proper arrangements for financial support of the transitional period, an agreed EC growth strategy, an expanding role for the Social and Regional Funds and joining at a "competitive rate".

He also said there would need to be "regular swap arrangements" to counter speculative currency flows.

Mr Kinnock said the European elections would not only be hard fought between Labour and the Conservatives, they would be bitterly fought within the Conservative party.

But Mr Peter Brooke, the Conservative Party chairman, hit back with a list of quotations from leading Labour figures in recent years opposing the Common Market about which Mr Kinnock is now enthusing. The Tories say a number of Labour MEPs remain basically opposed to the European Community.

Mr Kinnock said there was a "bottom line" at which Labour might be prepared to defy the Treaty of Rome if it was in conflict with a Labour government. It would not swallow "lock, stock and barrel" a treaty drawn up in different economic and technological circumstances.

**Political sketch**

# All change at the Dispatch Box

My predecessor-sketchwriter, Craig Brown, is publishing his collected sketches (*A Year Inside*) and will, I hope, include his remark about a newcomer visiting the Commons.

Such a man, he said, would quickly see that most members fell into one of two great parties, each with a prominent leader. The leader of one was clearly Dennis Skinner; and of the other, Nicholas Soames.

Brown was right. So why does neither of these gentlemen sit on his party's front bench, nor *ever* answer Questions? They only ask them. Yet the great Soames (C, Crawley) has the loudest voice, and socks, in the House. Roars greet his every pronouncement. And Skinner, rising, brings a hush that Mr Kinnock never enjoyed.

Those who do answer Questions — small, grey, crumpled "Ministers" — have little to say, and seem to be having no fun at all. The Dispatch Box is wasted on them. Even the Prime Minister, yesterday, looked bored. A series of Questions, grave, gay, passionate, searching, were fired at her: but answers came there none. She was simply fed up.

"The hon gentleman is talking his customary poppycock," she told Bruce Grocott (Lab, The Wrekin). "The Right hon gentleman has no *experience of Government*," was all she could say to Mr Ashdown. An inquiry about the economy from Mr Kinnock was tossed aside with the remark that Kinnock "would have made a complete *mess of it*" *himself*. As for Glasgow's Jimmy Wray (Lab) who asked about money owing to the NHS — if he was ignorant of accountancy "then *I* shouldn't be in the least surprised."

There was no pleasing this woman. Fair enough. But why waste Questions on her, then? "If *you* don't want to stand at the Dispatch Box," a stern uncle should scold, "there are plenty who do." Tied pubs often have a "guest beer" on tap; why shouldn't Parliament offer the Dispatch Box to a "guest backbencher" every week?

How about Dennis Skinner? "Questions to the hon Member for Bolsover," Mr Speaker would call. A string of Questions asking Skinner *to state his engagements* for the day would elicit replies refreshingly different from the PM's.

No tea with the Queen, conferences with the President of Burundi or speeches to Young Achievers. "This morning," he would say, "I attended a meeting of the steering committee for the preliminary shortlist of the names of citizens to be stood up against the wall and shot, after the Revolution. Afterwards I joined a "Smash the Tories" rally at Clay Cross Town Hall, lunching at the Bolsover Colliery Miners' Welfare Club . . ."

Soames could be asked to state his foxhunting engagements for the weekend, then face angry questions from Dame Janet Fookes (C, Plymouth Drake) a former RSPCA chairman. "Questions to Geoffrey Dickens" would probe the witches' covens he was investigating and the rings of paeodophiles he was about to smash.

David Steel could be asked about museum-charges in Turin. And how we would savour Roy Hattersley's answers: "Today I lunched on fresh whitebait, followed by Duck *Aux Cerises* with a selection of fresh vegetables. *Following that I encountered* a generous slice of *Gateau Pithviers*, and was afterwards met by an array of cheeses . . ."

Contrast Coventry's Dave Nellist (also Labour): "I spent the morning at Cardboard City mobilizing the vagrant vote, afterwards lunching at a Salvation Army soup kitchen. The afternoon was spent discussing the poll tax with 15 Glaswegians sleeping rough. I hope to spend the evening at Bondway Shelter.

The nation has heard Paul Marland (C, Gloucestershire W) ruthlessly question Mrs Currie about salmonella. Now the nation demands to hear him questioned himself, fearlessly, about his alleged use of Grecian 2000; while Mid Staffordshire's John Heddle (C), recent winner of the "Britain's best-kept MP" award, should answer for the damage done to the ozone layer by all that hairspray.

We have had enough of these men's Questions. It is time for answers, now.

**Matthew Parris**

# Greenpeace protest

Continued from page 1

authority's divisional director, Hampshire division, yesterday refused overtures from Greenpeace for talks on the situation. He is adamant that no negotiations will take place until the Moby Dick is moved.

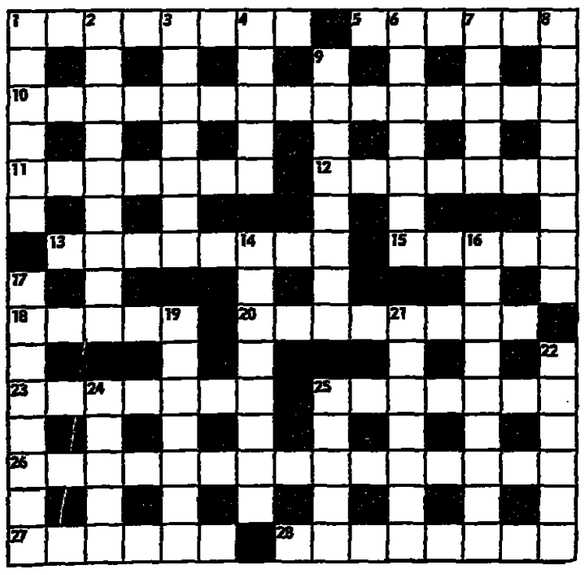
Greenpeace insists that its vessel will stay put until such time as the water authority and ultimately the Government agrees to reassess sludge dumping at sea.

If the blockade of the quiet Solent backwater continues for more than seven to 10 days Mr Cutting said that the four treatment plants serviced by the Mancunium would then be full.

"If that happens then we would have no option but to pump raw sewage straight into Southampton Water. That would be a disaster and would destroy all the work Southern Water had put into cleaning up the area in the last 10 years at a cost of £60 million."

However he did make an offer to Greenpeace. "If they move the Moby Dick then we will be happy to talk to them."

## THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,990



### ACROSS

1 Among the rest, I am put back on ... (8).
5 ... put back on the Sabbath, I would appear slow (6).
10 Badly off, her son is left to cope alone (5,3,7).
11 Wear out a car component (7).
12 Adaptable feature of the last ice age (7).
13 The charge when money's stolen (8).
15 See lout dance round — and round — and round (5).
18 Without iodine, ring turns purple (5).
20 Why are leaderless men regrouping in no particular place? (8).
23 Draw attention from the London-bound coach? (7).
25 It's grave in the latter stages from 11-20 (7).
26 I am exposed — I am thine, besotted completely (2,3,10).
27 Ended the conversation in a state of anxiety (4,2).
28 Wing producing patterns in motion (8).

### DOWN

1 Plant disease besets Kent apple (6).
2 Kerry, perhaps? It's a contradiction in terms (5,4).
3 Turned up to pick out of whatever's available (3-4).
4 Strong drink (5).
6 Other people accept the blame for this treatment (7).
7 Fold suit and shirt (5).
8 Force Ted to become a turncoat (8).
9 City where witches go (8).
14 Wonderful! Swell! Just nothing missing! (8).
16 It's lucky when animals keep the weeds down (9).
17 To be successful with a meal is hard (8).
19 Two beverages, you said, obtainable from this vineyard (7).
21 Ben — he's a strange old fogy (3-4).
22 Committed to memory a play and several books (6).
24 Take industrial action, but go the wrong way about it (3,2).
25 It sounds like an African affair (5).

Concise crossword, page 22

*This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 29 per cent of the competitors at the 1989 Birmingham regional final of The Times Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship*

## WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

**JACONET**
a. A drift net for pike
b. A bloody revolutionary
c. A cotton fabric

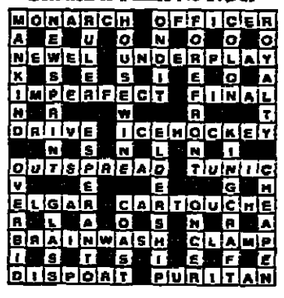
**ANKER**
a. A measure of wine
b. A Roman goose
c. A nautical hook

**PAXWAX**
a. Roman Catholic holy candles
b. A cry for peace
c. A neck tendon

**HAMFATTER**
a. A third-rate minstrel
b. A German house father
c. A swineherd

*Answers on page 22*

*Solution to Puzzle No 17,989*




## WEATHER

**Northern Ireland and many central and south-eastern parts of Scotland will be cloudy with showery rain. Dry, fresher weather with sunshine will spread from north-west England to Scotland and Northern Ireland by midnight. For England and Wales it will be another very warm and humid day. Thundery showers possible over Wales, central, eastern and western England. Outlook: Dry, less warm.**

### ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

| | C | F | | | C | F | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ajaccio | 26 | 79 | s | Majorca | 26 | 79 | s |
| Akrotiri | 23 | 73 | s | Malaga | 18 | 64 | r |
| Alex'dria | 24 | 75 | s | Malta | 23 | 73 | s |
| Algiers | 25 | 77 | c | Melb'rne | 13 | 55 | c |
| Amst'dm | 24 | 75 | s | Mexico C* | - | - | - |
| Athens | 20 | 68 | f | Miami* | 30 | 86 | s |
| Bahrain | 32 | 90 | s | Milan | 22 | 72 | f |
| Bermuda* | 30 | 86 | t | Montreal* | 14 | 57 | r |
| Barcelna | 24 | 75 | f | Moscow | 11 | 52 | c |
| Belgrade | 18 | 64 | c | Munich | 20 | 68 | s |
| Berlin | 22 | 72 | s | Nairobi | - | - | - |
| Bermuda* | 26 | 79 | f | Naples | 27 | 81 | f |
| Biarritz | 21 | 70 | c | N Delhi | 38 | 100 | s |
| Barde'x | 25 | 77 | s | N York* | 27 | 81 | s |
| Brussels | 24 | 75 | s | Nice | 22 | 72 | s |
| Budapst | 18 | 64 | s | Oslo | 21 | 70 | s |
| B Aires* | 25 | 77 | c | Paris | 26 | 79 | s |
| Cairo | 33 | 91 | s | Peking | 26 | 79 | c |
| Cape Tn | 22 | 72 | s | Perth | 17 | 63 | c |
| C'blanca | 20 | 68 | c | Prague | 19 | 66 | s |
| Chicago* | - | - | - | Reykjvik | 5 | 41 | r |
| Chr'church | 14 | 57 | s | Rhodes | 23 | 73 | f |
| Cologne | 24 | 75 | s | Rio de J | 22 | 72 | s |
| C'phgn | 17 | 63 | s | Riyadh | 41 | 106 | s |
| Corfu | 25 | 77 | s | Rome | 22 | 72 | f |
| Dublin | 19 | 66 | s | Salzburg | 21 | 70 | s |
| Dubrovnik | 23 | 73 | f | S Pr'sco* | 16 | 61 | f |
| Faro | 19 | 66 | f | Santiago* | 18 | 64 | s |
| Florence | 24 | 75 | s | S Paulo* | 21 | 70 | c |
| Frankfurt | 23 | 73 | s | Seoul | 24 | 75 | s |
| Funchal | 20 | 68 | c | Sing'por | - | - | - |
| Geneva | 23 | 73 | s | St'holm | 24 | 75 | s |
| Gibraltar | 18 | 64 | f | Strasb'rg | 23 | 73 | s |
| Helsinki | 22 | 72 | s | Sydney | 16 | 61 | s |
| Hong K | 27 | 81 | r | Tangier | 20 | 68 | f |
| Innsbruck | 25 | 77 | s | Tel Aviv | 26 | 79 | s |
| Istanbul | 14 | 57 | f | Tenerife | 22 | 72 | c |
| Jeddah | 37 | 99 | s | Tokyo | 19 | 66 | r |
| Jo'burg* | 21 | 70 | f | Toronto* | 22 | 72 | s |
| Karachi | 41 | 106 | s | Tunis | 27 | 81 | f |
| L Palmas | 25 | 77 | f | Valencia | 20 | 68 | c |
| Le Touq* | 27 | 81 | f | Vanc'ver* | 13 | 55 | r |
| Lisbon | 19 | 64 | f | Venice | 23 | 73 | s |
| Locarno | 18 | 64 | c | Vienna | 17 | 63 | s |
| L Angels* | 19 | 66 | s | Warsaw | 19 | 66 | s |
| Luxmbg | 21 | 70 | s | Wash'ton* | 27 | 81 | f |
| Lisbn | 39 | 102 | s | Wel'ton | 14 | 57 | c |
| Madrid | 18 | 64 | d | Zurich | 21 | 70 | s |

* denotes Monday's figures

### HIGH TIDES

| TODAY | AM | HT | PM | HT |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| London Bridge | 4.46 | 6.7 | 4.59 | 6.8 |
| Aberdeen | 4.04 | 3.9 | 4.46 | 3.7 |
| Avonmouth | 10.10 | 11.7 | 10.26 | 11.8 |
| Belfast | 1.45 | 3.2 | 2.16 | 3.0 |
| Cardiff | 9.55 | 10.9 | 10.13 | 10.8 |
| Dover | 1.32 | 4.6 | 8.29 | 4.8 |
| Falmouth | 8.17 | 4.8 | 8.25 | 4.8 |
| Glasgow | 3.22 | 4.8 | 3.48 | 4.9 |
| Harwich | 2.37 | 3.7 | 2.48 | 3.8 |
| Holyhead | 1.01 | 5.2 | 1.28 | 4.9 |
| Hull | 9.09 | 8.7 | 9.43 | 8.5 |
| Ilfracombe | 8.52 | 8.3 | 9.12 | 8.4 |
| Leith | 5.24 | 5.1 | 8.46 | 5.0 |
| Liverpool | 1.55 | 8.8 | 2.17 | 8.5 |
| Lowestoft | 12.13 | 2.2 | 12.18 | 2.3 |
| Margate | 2.49 | 4.5 | 3.05 | 4.5 |
| Newquay | 8.00 | 6.3 | 8.20 | 6.4 |
| Oban | 8.27 | 3.4 | 8.52 | 3.6 |
| Portland | 9.52 | 1.6 | 10.12 | 1.8 |
| Portsmouth | 2.06 | 4.2 | 2.42 | 4.2 |
| Southampton | 1.32 | 4.2 | 2.07 | 4.1 |
| Swansea | 9.18 | 8.5 | 9.39 | 8.6 |
| Tees | 6.29 | 5.0 | 7.07 | 4.8 |

Tide in metres: 1m=3.28ft. Times are BST

### AROUND BRITAIN

| | Sun hrs | Rain in | Max C | Max F | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Scarboro | 14.7 | - | 15 | 59 | sunny |
| Hunstanton | 14.1 | - | 22 | 72 | sunny |
| Cleeton | 9.7 | - | 19 | 66 | sunny |
| Margate | 12.6 | - | 19 | 66 | sunny |
| Hastings | 12.4 | - | 23 | 73 | sunny |
| Worthing | 10.7 | - | 26 | 79 | sunny |
| Bognor R | 10.2 | - | 22 | 72 | sunny |
| Sandown | 10.0 | - | 21 | 70 | sunny |
| Bournemth | 10.1 | - | 26 | 79 | sunny |
| Swanage | 10.1 | - | 18 | 64 | sunny |
| Exmouth | 11.9 | - | 24 | 75 | sunny |
| Torquay | 11.0 | - | 23 | 73 | sunny |
| Penzance | 8.9 | - | 21 | 70 | sunny |
| Jersey | 9.5 | - | 24 | 75 | bright |
| Newquay | 12.5 | - | 25 | 77 | sunny |
| Minehead | 12.2 | - | 22 | 72 | sunny |
| Morecambe | 14.4 | - | 24 | 75 | sunny |
| Leeds | 14.1 | - | 20 | 68 | sunny |
| London | 10.7 | - | 25 | 77 | sunny |
| N'cstl-a-Tyne | 14.7 | - | 15 | 59 | sunny |
| Cardiff (Cst) | 12.6 | - | 24 | 75 | sunny |
| Tenby | 9.6 | - | 22 | 72 | sunny |
| Aviemore | 13.0 | - | 24 | 75 | sunny |
| Edinburgh | 11.6 | - | 15 | 59 | sunny |
| Eskdalemuir | 14.8 | - | 21 | 70 | sunny |
| Glasgow | 9.2 | - | 21 | 70 | sunny |
| Lerwick | 15.9 | - | 14 | 57 | sunny |
| Stornoway | 12.1 | - | 22 | 72 | sunny |
| Wick | 14.7 | - | 15 | 59 | sunny |

*These are Monday's figures*

THE TIMES

### WEATHER CALL

For the latest region by region forecast, 24 hours a day, dial 0898 500 followed by the appropriate code.

| | |
|---|---|
| Greater London | 701 |
| Kent,Surrey,Sussex | 702 |
| Dorset,Hants & IOW | 703 |
| Devon & Cornwall | 704 |
| Wilts,Glouc,Avon,Soms | 705 |
| Berks,Bucks,Oxon | 706 |
| Beds,Herts & Essex | 707 |
| Norfolk,Suffolk,Cambs | 708 |
| West Mid & Sth Glam & Gwent | 709 |
| Shrops,Herefds & Worcs | 710 |
| Central Midlands | 711 |
| East Midlands | 712 |
| Lincs & Humberside | 713 |
| Dyfed & Powys | 714 |
| Gwynedd & Clwyd | 715 |
| N W England | 716 |
| W & S Yorks & Dales | 717 |
| N E England | 718 |
| Cumbria & Lake District | 719 |
| S W Scotland | 720 |
| W Central Scotland | 721 |
| Edin S Fife/Lothian & Borders | 722 |
| E Central Scotland | 723 |
| Grampian & E Highlands | 724 |
| N W Scotland | 725 |
| Caithness,Orkney & Shetland | 726 |
| N Ireland | 727 |

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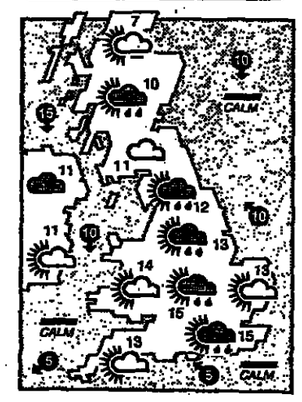


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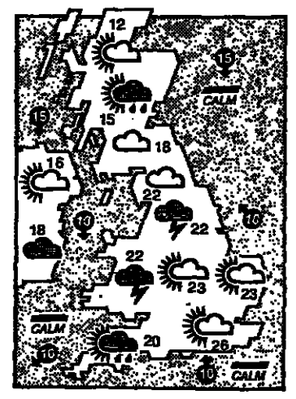


### LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 25C (84F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 18C (61F). Humidity: 6 pm, 48 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 9.4 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1016.6 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

### MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 23C (73F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 13C (55F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.46 ins. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 6.5 hr.

### HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Southampton, Hampshire, 27C (81F); lowest day max: Dunbar, East Lothian, 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Odiham, Hampshire, 0.20 in; highest sunshine: Lerwick, Shetland, 15.9 hr.

### LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 9.29 pm to 4.26 am
Bristol 9.38 pm to 4.36 am
Edinburgh 10.05 pm to 4.14 am
Manchester 9.47 pm to 4.24 am
Penzance 9.44 pm to 4.54 am

Sun rises: 4.57 am
Sun sets: 8.59 pm
Moon rises: 12.20 am
Moon sets: 7.23 am
Last Quarter May 28

### YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

| | C | F | | | C | F | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Belfast | 22 | 72 | s | Guernsey | 22 | 72 | s |
| B'mingham | 22 | 72 | s | Inverness | 18 | 64 | s |
| Blackpool | 14 | 57 | r | Jersey | 25 | 77 | s |
| Bristol | 23 | 73 | s | London | 27 | 81 | s |
| Cardiff | 23 | 73 | s | M'chester | 17 | 63 | s |
| Edinburgh | 18 | 61 | s | Newcastle | 18 | 64 | c |
| Glasgow | 20 | 68 | s | R'ridaway | 17 | 63 | s |

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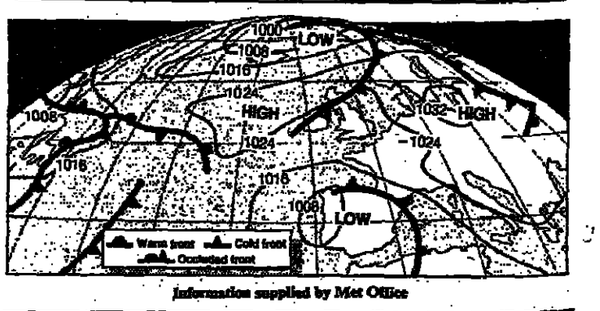


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Executive Editor
David Brewerton

**THE POUND**

**US dollar**
1.5680 (–0.0120)
**W German mark**
3.1485 (–0.0234)
**Exchange index**
93.3 (–0.4)

**STOCK MARKET**

**FT 30 Share**
1787.4 (–16.2)
**FT-SE 100**
2151.6 (–17.4)
**USM (Datastream)**
168.51 (–0.72)

THE TIMES STOCK WATCH
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We would like to apologize to readers for the lack of up-to-date Unit Trust prices in today's edition. This is the result of a computer failure at Extel, our prices supplier.

Up-to-the minute share and unit trust prices are available on *The Times* Stockwatch service, operated in conjunction with CityCall.

For readers of *The Times* deprived of their latest unit trust prices, Stockwatch has set up a telephone helpline which will provide code numbers for any prices required. Readers with a multi-frequency telephone can then dial directly into the Stockwatch system on the 0898 141 141 number. Calls charged at 5p for 8 seconds peak, 12 seconds off peak inc VAT. The Stockwatch Helpline: 01 923 1124.

## Apricot falls

Apricot Computers reports annual pre-tax profits of £6.01 million (£8.21 million). A final dividend of 1.25p maintains the total at 2p.

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### STOCK MARKETS

| | |
|---|---|
| **New York:** | |
| Dow Jones | 2488.27 (–13.75)* |
| **Tokyo:** | |
| Nikkei Average | 33816.61 (–251.25) |
| **Hong Kong:** | |
| Hang Seng | 3067.65 (+261.08) |
| **Amsterdam:** | |
| CBS Tendency | 176.6 (–1.3) |
| **Sydney:** AO | 1583.7 (+3.5) |
| **Frankfurt:** DAX | 1351.80 (+6.70) |
| **Brussels:** | |
| General | 6061.78 (–20.14) |
| **Paris:** CAC | 465.9 (+1.4) |
| **Zurich:** SKA Gen | 557.1 (–3.8) |
| **London:** | |
| FT.–A All-Share | 1106.73 (–8.23) |
| FT.– "500" | 1224.65 (–8.55) |
| FT. Gold Mines | 168.6 (+2.3) |
| FT. Fixed interest | 97.33 (+0.03) |
| FT. Govt Secs | 86.12 (–0.30) |
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### MAIN PRICE CHANGES

| | |
|---|---|
| **RISES:** | |
| Candover | 307½p (+20p) |
| Conder Group | 840p (+30p) |
| J Menzies | 346p (+11p) |
| Tace | 287½p (+10p) |
| SA Breweries | 307½p (+20p) |
| Eurotunnel Units | 986½p (+39p) |
| Intnl Thomson | 912½p (+33p) |
| Barr & WA 'A' | 347p (+15½p) |
| Boosey & Hawkes | 470p (+15p) |
| **FALLS:** | |
| Ultramar | 303½p (–21½p) |
| Racal Telecom | 437½p (–21p) |
| RMC Group | 772½p (–15p) |
| Redland | 599½p (–14p) |
| Rank Org | 973½p (–10p) |
| Tarmac | 341p (–11p) |
| Grand Met | 545p (–13p) |
| Barclays | 467p (–10p) |
| Blue Circle | 588p (–11p) |
| Anglia Sec | 270p (–17p) |
| Body Shop | 577½p (–10p) |
| **Closing prices** | |
| **Bargains** | 27151 |
| **SEAQ Volume** | 557.5m |

### INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 13%
3-month Interbank 13¼-13⅛%
3-month eligible bills: 12¹³⁄₁₆-12⅞% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 11½%
Federal Funds 9¹¹⁄₁₆%*
3-month Treasury Bills 8.30-8.29%*
30-year bonds 102¹¹⁄₁₆-102²³⁄₃₂*

### CURRENCIES

| London: | New York: |
|---|---|
| £: $1.5680 | £: $1.5675* |
| £: DM3.1485 | $: DM2.0085* |
| £: SwFr2.6005 | $: SwFr1.7875* |
| £: FFr10.6490 | $: FFr6.8005* |
| £: Yen222.50 | $: Yen141.95* |
| £: Index:93.3 | $: Index:72.2 |
| ECU £0.856525 | SDR £0.786315 |

### GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $363.40 pm-$364.50
close $364.25-364.75 (£231.00-231.50)
New York:
Comex $364.10-364.60*

### NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (July) pm $17.10bbl ($16.77)
* Denotes latest trading price

### TOURIST RATES

| | Bank Buys | Bank Sells |
|---|---|---|
| Australia $ | 2.205 | 2.075 |
| Austria Sch | 23.25 | 21.90 |
| Belgium Fr | 69.40 | 65.50 |
| Canada $ | 1.985 | 1.865 |
| Denmark Kr | 12.77 | 12.14 |
| Finland Mkk | 7.38 | 6.98 |
| France Fr | 11.11 | 10.51 |
| Germany Dm | 3.295 | 3.115 |
| Greece Dr | 283.50 | 263.50 |
| Hong Kong $ | 12.84 | 12.04 |
| Ireland Pt | 1.235 | 1.165 |
| Italy Lira | 2395 | 2265 |
| Japan Yen | 239 | 223 |
| Netherlands Gld | 3.72 | 3.51 |
| Norway Kr | 11.87 | 11.22 |
| Portugal Esc | 271.25 | 256.25 |
| South Africa Rd | 5.40 | 4.80 |
| Spain Pta | 204.25 | 192.25 |
| Sweden Kr | 11.10 | 10.48 |
| Switzerland Fr | 2.925 | 2.765 |
| Turkey Lira | 3775 | 3175 |
| USA $ | 1.665 | 1.585 |
| Yugoslavia Dnr | 19000 | 15000 |

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.
Retail Price Index: 114.3 (April)

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# Falling pound fuels pressure for rates rise

**By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor**

Sterling came under heavy pressure in the foreign exchange markets as speculators switched from pushing up the dollar. The pound weakened against all currencies, increasing pressure for a rise in base rates.

By close of trading in London the pound was 2.34 pfennigs lower against the mark at DM3.1485 and 1.2 cents lower against the dollar at $1.5680. The effective exchange rate fell 0.4 to 93.3 which compares with an average rate during April more than two points higher at 95.5.

The Bank of England intervened in support of the pound, but no concerted intervention was needed to hold down the dollar. The US currency closed down 32 points against the mark at DM2.0043, after dipping below DM2, and 30 points lower against the yen at Y141.45.

The fall in the pound was accelerated by the Prime Minister's reply to a question in the Commons which was taken to indicate that interest rates would not be increased. Mrs Thatcher said: "The steps the Chancellor has taken will deal with the problem and get inflation on a downward course again."

However, the Treasury denied that the remark had any significance for interest rates either way and said the Prime Minister was re-stating a well-known Government position.

Traders said the Chancellor's commitment to maintaining the foreign exchange value of sterling would be tested if the fall continued much further. DM3.15 had been seen as a significant benchmark.

Continuing concern about inflation after the poor retail price index figures on Friday and nervousness about tomorrow's trade figures contributed to sterling's weakness. The market is expecting a deterioration in the current account deficit last month from £1.2 billion to about £1.6 billion. This includes some allowance for increased buying of imports in advance of a possible dock strike.

Mr Stephen Bell, of Morgan Grenfell, said: "It was always likely that when the dollar was capped sterling would come under pressure. If we get bad trade figures I think we will get a base rate rise."

Indications from the building societies that they would not necessarily follow a rise in base rates with an increase in the mortgage rate were seen as making a base rate rise more likely. In these circumstances an increase in base rates would support sterling but would not hit the housing market further or add to the retail price index.

Money market rates rose, with three-month interbank money up ⅛ at 13¼ per cent.

● Industrial investment has continued to grow rapidly in the first quarter of the year, confirming that the squeeze on the economy from high interest rates has mainly affected consumers.

Investment in the manufacturing, construction, distribution and financial industries rose 3 per cent over the previous quarter and 16 per cent compared with a year earlier to £9.16 billion at 1985 prices seasonally adjusted. Manufacturing investment alone was up nearly 5 per cent on the quarter and 8½ per cent on the year at £2.98 billion, including leased assets.

Changes in stock levels in the first quarter were seen by the Treasury as consistent with a slowdown in the economy. Manufacturers' stocks rose by £205 million at 1985 prices seasonally adjusted, though the stock/output ratio fell from 82.9 at end-December to 82.7 at end-March.

Retailers and wholesalers reduced their stocks by £267 million and £46 million respectively, perhaps reflecting promotional efforts at stock clearing.

# British Airways takes off to £268m

JAMES MORGAN

**First class was the verdict of Lord King, chairman of British Airways, on 1988-1989 profits £40 million higher at £268 million. The figures include the first full-year contribution from British Caledonian, purchased 18 months ago. Lord King, pictured (right) yesterday with Sir Colin Marshall, chief executive, announced revenues up more than £500 million to £4.25 billion, while earnings per share climbed from 21p to 24.3p. After a final dividend of 5.25p, the total payout rose 12.3 per cent to 7.75p.** **Comment, page 27**

# Brierley sells stake in Ultramar

**By David Young**
**Energy Correspondent**

Sir Ron Brierley, the New Zealand entrepreneur who has been seen as a potential bidder for Ultramar, the independent oil company, has sold his 14.45 per cent stake.

He placed his 51.2 million shares through Smith New Court yesterday at 305p a share, giving him an estimated profit of more than £50 million after deducting his costs of holding the shares for four years.

Ultramar yesterday described Sir Ron as a "good and loyal investor in the company" and said it was pleased he had been able to receive a good return on his investment, which indicated the strengths of the company.

Sir Ron built up his stake by paying between 120p and 160p a share and has been consistently seen as a potential bidder.

However, Ultramar has restructured its operations in the past year and become particularly strong in the North American refining and marketing businesses.

Sir Ron is believed to have been advised that now would be the best time to take a profit on his investment.

It is understood there was initially some difficulty in placing the shares in the City and the price realized may have been less than Sir Ron had hoped for, although eventually 60 institutions took shares in the company. Ultramar's price dropped from 325p to 303.5p on the news.

● Individual investors are being offered a chance to buy units in the BP Prudhoe Bay Royalty Trust which will raise almost $550 million (£348 million) for BP.

Already, 13.36 million units in the trust have been placed privately by BP's advisers, bringing in $334 million, and another 8 million are being publicly offered at $26 per unit.

The trust will take 16.42 per cent of the first 90,000 barrels of oil produced each day from the Prudhoe Bay field in North Alaska, with investors receiving quarterly royalty payments determined on the basis of the average schedule of West Texas Intermediate crude oil prices, less a charge for costs made by BP to the trust.

The scheme essentially allows investors to take a proportion of the daily output from one of the world's largest oilfields.

At the same time, by selling oil in advance, it unlocks cash which BP will be able to use to reduce its debt.

# Fed split developing on whether to ease policy

**From Bailey Morris, Washington**

The US Federal Reserve Board has an agreed strategy to ease its tight credit policies to stop the dollar's surge, but new economic data released yesterday left the central bank with little scope to lower short-term interest rates, officials said.

US orders for durable goods rose by a surprisingly strong 2.9 per cent in April, revealing an economy which continued to grow despite the Fed's tight grip on credit. Analysts had expected a rise of no more than 0.7 per cent.

The Fed governors remain committed to the containment of inflation as their top policy goal. Conflicting signals over the underlying strength of the US economy have caused them to take a cautious line, and to resist pressures to reduce interest rates to halt the dollar's rise by lowering the influential discount rate from 7 per cent.

But since a meeting last week of the Fed's top policy group, the Open Market Committee, a disagreement appears to be developing between officials who favour an easing of credit and those who fear that this will undermine the central bank's inflation-fighting credentials.

At the meeting, it was decided to make no changes in US credit policy until there was a clearer picture of the real strength of the economy, officials said. But the Fed governors gave Mr Alan Greenspan, the chairman, the discretion to lower interest rates if conditions warranted such a move.

Over the past week, some Fed officials have pressed for lower interest rates. Members of the Bush Administration have also urged lower interest rates, to ease the upward pressure on the dollar.

Officials said that in lieu of a co-ordinated interest rate rise abroad, this is the only action that will work in curbing the dollar, which has resisted the intervention attempts of central banks. Treasury officials fear that gains made in reducing the US trade deficit will be sharply reversed, thus igniting another strong surge of protectionism.

# Societies set to lend £4.3bn

**By Vivien Goldsmith, Family Money Editor**

Building society lending is still continuing to rise slowly with societies promising to lend £4.336 billion to new borrowers in April.

This is £82 million more than the previous month, but still 10 per cent below the lending levels of a year ago.

Mr Mark Boleat, director general of the Building Societies Association, said that the gradual recovery since the start of the year owed more to building societies gaining market share at the expense of the banks than an overall increase in mortgage demand.

Over the new year the number of bank mortgage commitments fell sharply from 74,000 to 45,000 while building society approvals fell from 212,000 to 210,000.

"Lending in April suggests that confidence in the housing market remains weak in the light of the current high level of interest rates," Mr Boleat said.

In spite of the gradual rise over the year in commitments, the value of actual new mortgages arranged by building societies fell from £3.526 billion in March to £3.455 billion in April.

Britain's largest building society, the Halifax said that further loans to existing buyers were well above normal levels. Normally further loans reach a peak as the do-it-yourself season gets under way. They normally run at about 10 per cent of new mortgage loans, but this year they are approaching 16 per cent.

The average life of a mortgage fell last year from about seven years to between five and six, but is beginning to rise again.

The Halifax said uncertainty over interest rates was damaging the market. But even if they did go to 14 per cent, the Halifax would not respond with a rise in the mortgage rate.

# Coloroll falls on profit forecasts

**By Cliff Feltham**

Shares in Coloroll, the home furnishings group headed by Mr John Ashcroft, fell 9p, to 157p, yesterday, as it dampened down some market expectations for the current year.

The company said that it appeared to be on course for pre-tax profits of around £65 million, against some forecasts of £70 million. Some analysts believe that the company could be hard-pressed to make £65 million, and the outcome could be lower if interest rates rise again.

Coloroll was reporting more than doubled pre-tax profits for the year to March of £55.5 million, reflecting a 10-month contribution from the John Crowther business, which owns the well-known Kosset and Crossley carpet brands. Sales rose 119 per cent to £565 million and earnings per share improved by 11 per cent to 23p. Shareholders collect a total dividend payout of 7.60p, compared with 6.60p.

Mr Ashcroft admitted that some parts of the carpets business had been experiencing difficult trading in recent weeks. But the company said that it had remained relatively unaffected by the downturn in consumer expenditure.

Disposals from John Crowther would wipe out the group's hefty borrowings during the course of this year, and effectively mean that Coloroll would have picked up the two carpet brands for nothing.

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# City warned of huge VAT bills

**By Rodney Hobson**

The City of London will pay value added tax on virtually every property and piece of land in the Square Mile under a clause in the Finance Act, the financial community was warned last night.

Barclays Bank has written to Mr Peter Lilley, Economic Secretary, to protest over a £45 million VAT bill that will be slapped on the redevelopment of its headquarters in Lombard Street.

Modified VAT proposals, tabled under the Finance Bill by Mr Lilley on May 11, impose VAT on the current market value of a redevelopment irrespective of how long the owner has occupied it.

Barclays is due to begin rebuilding its headquarters next year for occupation in 1993. As soon as it occupies the building it will be hit for VAT on the open market value of the new building.

Because banks are among partially exempt companies for VAT, they will be able to recover only a fraction of the VAT.

Although the Barclays redevelopment will cost only £150 million, the new building including the land it stands on will be worth about twice that. With VAT at 15 per cent, Barclay's stands to see its £150 million bill increased to £190 million.

The extension of VAT to non-domestic properties was forced on Britain by a decision of the European Court.

## Government denies privatization 'give-away'

# No £5.5bn debt write-off for water

**By Sheila Gunn**
**Political Staff**

The Government denied last night that it would virtually give away Britain's water industry under privatization, making clear it is not prepared to write off all of the £5.5 billion of debts.

However, it has taken unprecedented action to prevent asset-stripping of land owned by the 10 water authorities after the £5 billion to £7 billion sale of the industry.

The debts owed by the water authorities to the Government's National Loans Fund will be "re-structured" into debt securities and equity so that they are spread evenly over the country. However, the water Plcs will still "owe" the money to the Government.

The technical change is necessary because some authorities, including the North West Water Authority, have large debts while others, such as Thames, have none. Before flotation – pencilled in for November – the Government will announce that it is writing off a proportion of the debt.

However, the Department of the Environment made clear yesterday that no final decision on the amount has been made. Lord Caithness, an Environment Minister, announced that there will be "no question of asset-stripping at the expense of the consumer."

Amendments will be tabled to the Water Bill to guarantee that consumers benefit from the sales of surplus land by the water Plcs.

The latest moves underline the Government's confusion on how to help the water industry meet the estimated £10 billion costs of raising water and sewerage works to European Community standards while not deterring investors. It emerged last night that ministers have dropped the idea of a dowry system to finance improvement works, and will rely on other ways to help the water Plcs. Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Environment Secretary, is also taking a hard line against the Lords amendment imposing a 1993 deadline for bringing drinking water quality up to EC standards.

He is understood to be set on reversing the defeat when the Water Bill returns to the Commons at the end of June in spite of widespread feeling on the Tory backbenches that such a deadline is reasonable.

● A debt write-off for the water authorities will effectively mean a Government subsidy to about 75 per cent of the country's water consumers, but will discriminate against the rest who are supplied by statutory water companies.

The water companies are private sector institutions already and, unlike the privatization-bound water authorities, are not due to receive debt relief.

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## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

# Trimoco soars 47% in strong car market

**Trimoco, the motor dealer from Luton, Bedfordshire, showed the strength of the car market when it announced profits up 47 per cent to £7.51 million in the year to March. The final dividend is being raised by a third to 0.8p, making 1.4p for the year. The company's new Ford dealership in Lewisham, south-east London, provided more than £450,000 of the extra profit, with the rest coming from the five Ford and four Vauxhall franchises. Trimoco's contract hire fleet did well, growing by 1,500 to 6,500 cars.**

**Trimoco spent £5 million buying freeholds on sites, and set up a Peugeot dealership in Crosby, near Liverpool. It still cut net debt from 125 per cent to 95 per cent of shareholders' funds, thanks to a £6 million property revaluation.**

## Payout up at Just Rubber

**Just Rubber, the USM-quoted manufacturer of synthetic rubber, achieved a rise in pre-tax profits from £689,000 to £825,000 on turnover up from £3.5 million to £4.1 million in the year to January 31. The final dividend is 1.65p, making 2.45p (1.415p). Earnings per share reached 7.66p, an increase from 6.49p. Turnover so far is up on last year.**

## Gates drives to £2.28m

**Frank G Gates, the Ford dealer based in Woodford, East London, increased pre-tax profits by a fifth to £2.28 million in the year to December, on sales 13 per cent ahead at £78.9 million. Earnings per share were 13.7p, compared with 11.1p, and the dividend goes up to 5.5p against 4.25p. The company is proposing a one-for-one scrip issue.**

## Tripled result for Bett

**A strong performance from its new property development business allowed Bett Brothers, the Dundee housebuilder, to announce tripled profits to £1.58m in the half year to February. Earnings rose 216 per cent to 6.61p and the dividend is raised 32 per cent to 1.85p.**

**During the half year, Bett sold a 14-acre industrial park in Staines, Middlesex, and two refurbished office blocks in Glasgow. It sold two further office buildings during March and has bought another industrial park near Salisbury, Wiltshire. Housing completions rose from 54 to 81.**

## Fall to £1.5m at City Site

**City Site Estates, the property investment company, saw pre-tax profits fall from £3.2 million to £1.52 million in the six months to end-March. The fall came despite a strong rise in rental income from £1.7 million to £2.9 million. Earnings per share were down from 13.81p to 6.63p, but the interim dividend has been raised from 0.67p to 0.8p.**

## Petrocon out of the red

**Petrocon Group, the valve maker, has returned to profit, but is still not paying a dividend. Pre-tax profits in 1988 were £449,000, compared with a loss of £745,000 in 1987. Turnover was down at £8.3 million (£8.9 million), mainly as a result of disposals. The improving profit trend is continuing in 1989. Earnings per share were 1.94p (3.8p loss).**

## Appletree standstill

**Appletree Holdings, a fruit and vegetable packer and beef processor, has produced virtually unchanged pre-tax profits of £861,000 (£859,000) for the six months to April 2 on turnover just 3 per cent up at £35.5 million. The interim dividend is maintained at 1.1p.**

**A sharply higher tax charge left earnings per share depressed at 3.4p (4.49p), but below the line there was an extraordinary credit of £9.76 million which arose mostly on the disposal in October of Hunters Foods, a crispmaker, to Dalgety for £12 million in cash.**

## TEMPUS

# Coloroll paints a comforting picture

Coloroll, Mr John Ashcroft's home furnishings group, spun out full-year results yesterday which go some way towards restoring confidence in the company whose shares have underperformed the market by 17 per cent in the past 12 months. Pre-tax profits to end-March more than doubled to £55.5 million and eps were up 11 per cent at 23p.

The acquisition of John Crowther last year for £215 million gave the group the carpet brands of Kosset and Crossley but also swelled its gearing to more than 100 per cent. Analysts were relieved to hear that two more disposals from Crowther are on the way, the Brinkman and MCD businesses, which will mean that the carpet brands have been acquired for nothing.

By the end of the year Coloroll should have a cash-positive balance sheet, which is always a good way of winning back lost friends.

Despite the impact of higher interest rates on home expenditure, Coloroll appears to be experiencing a slower rate of growth in its businesses rather than a reduction. The exception was the home furnishings division which supplies duvets and bedding and suffered from the mild winter.

Ceramics and glassware benefited from expenditure on new facilities, while the recent move into furniture with the acquisition of William Barretts is proving successful.

But carpets remain the largest part, contributing overall profits of £11.6 million. In recent weeks, however, there has been a slight downturn in demand for tufted carpets.

The emphasis on offering an integrated home furnishings group using the brand awareness of Coloroll is being taken a step further with moves into ceramic tiles and speciality paints. A valuation of its main brands, excluding Kosset and Crossley, comes out at £85 million but at this stage it is not intended to incorporate it into the balance sheet.

For the current year Coloroll should make profits of £63 million to £65 million, always assuming interest rates do not go any higher.

At this level the shares, down 9p at 157p, are selling on just under seven times prospective earnings. That may sound cheap, but with the present plight of sterling there is no guarantee that interest rates will not have to rise again. If that happens Coloroll could get hurt.

## Apricot Computers

Hopes dimmed for Apricot Computers this year when the loss of its finance director and a profits warning cut more than a quarter off the company's market capitalization.

Market hopes that the shares would cruise through 100p towards 150p evaporated overnight, but at 57p, off 1p after yesterday's dreadful figures to end-March, the shares have considerable recovery potential.

The strategy put in place by Mr Roger Foster, the chief executive who is shortly to take over the chairman's baton, to cope with yet another reverse at Apricot is in two parts. The group will address itself to the growing maintenance market, which even with the manufacturing side going at full steam again is likely to provide a stable base for about half this year's total profits, aided by the recent purchase of DDT Group.

JAMES GRAY
Two-stage strategy: Roger Foster of Apricot yesterday

Meanwhile, Apricot, with the agreement of its distributors, is expanding into the higher-margin direct sales area, selling to the biggest corporations, the Government and the financial sector. This channels additional work to the maintenance side, with some 60 per cent of direct sales involving a service contract against just 25 per cent of those through distributors.

The full-year figures showed an expected pre-tax profits drop to £6.01 million, from £8.21 million. Sales to the City have apparently picked up since the year-end as the group sees the benefits of an expanded profits base, while all the unfilled orders which impacted on computer systems were cleared in April. But the possibility of further City redundancies and the impact of aggressive pricing by IBM in the pc market warrant some short-term caution.

Given their chequered history, the shares are definitely not for the faint of heart. An easy £8 million pre-tax this year puts them on a multiple of 7, which, at the kind of ratings computer maintenance companies are changing hands at, virtually throws the rest of the group in free, and at these levels there must be some bid prospects too.

## Compass

Underwriters were left with a third of the issue when Compass Group floated last December, but the shares, offered at 245p, have been going up ever since they featured in this column's New Year recommendations.

Today, at 351p, they stand at a 50 per cent premium to their offer price, and a near-20 per cent premium to the market sector. But it is hard to quibble with the rating.

Results for the half year are as good as could have been expected, a 27 per cent surge in pre-tax profits to £11.7 million producing a near-identical rise in earnings per share at 11.6p, and a heartening 3p interim dividend.

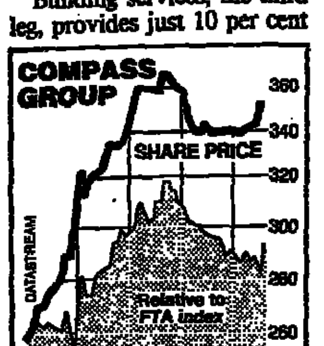
A year ago Compass was just another division of Grand Metropolitan. By June it had become the biggest management buyout to date, and by December it was being trumpeted as the stock market's first independently quoted contract caterer.

Since going public Compass has diversified away from contract catering, which still accounts for 70 per cent of profits.

The move implies no dissatisfaction with catering — where Compass is probably the biggest in the business, with contracts to cook for more than 2,500 company canteens — but rather illustrates the management's keen eye for a bargain in the private health sector, where prices have eased in rsponse to the temporary withdrawal of its main competitors, AMI and HCA, from the market.

Organic growth in the hospitals division was an impressive 67 per cent, with every new patient dropping straight through to the bottom line, and the management believes it can still increase its bed occupancy by 15 per cent.

Building services, the third leg, provides just 10 per cent




of group profit, although an 8 per cent improvement at half-way disguises annual growth of around 15 per cent, distorted by the group's refusal to take any profits until its central heating contracts are completed.

BZW analysts look for a full-year pre-tax total of £24.8 million this year, which would suggest a p/e ratio of around 14.5. Given the defensive nature of the business, and the quality of the management, they look well worth the premium.

# Fairline sails to £1.8m

By Neil Bennett

**Despite higher costs and a stronger pound, Fairline Boats' pre-tax profits rose by a fifth to £1.82 million in the six months to March, on sales of £14.1 million.**

**The Oundle, Northamptonshire, builder of motor cruisers said demand for all its boats had remained excellent, and it is increasing its half-time dividend 62 per cent, to 6.5p.**

**The growth came even though Fairline's production facilities remained the same as last year. This summer it hopes to open the third part of its new plant, which should add a third to its manufacturing capacity when fully staffed.**

**Mr Sam Newington, Fairline's chairman, said the dividend was being raised to pay out a higher proportion of the year's total.**

**Until recently, future sales looked uncertain, due principally to higher interest rates. "I'm still not as confident as last year," Mr Newington said, "but demand has grown a lot better in the past few weeks."**

**Fairline's recent customers included the King and Queen of Sweden, who bought a top-of-the-range 43ft yacht. The company's handbuilt boats cost up to £250,000.**

By royal appointment: Sam Newington of Fairline Boats

# Builder's profits leap 52%

By Cliff Feltham

Fairbriar, the housebuilder, raised pre-tax profits by 52 per cent to £13.1 million in the year to the end of March, despite more difficult conditions in the second half caused by the rise in interest rates.

The shares fell 30p to 153p, however, and Mr Remo Dipre, chairman, said he had no idea why they had dropped. "It is a complete mystery to us. Perhaps the market was expecting an even better performance."

Mr Dipre said the South-east bore the brunt of the decline in the housing market while the South and South-west were little affected.

The company's decision two years ago to move into commercial and industrial developments is starting to pay off in rental income and capital values. Planning consent has been received for 1 million sq ft of industrial development in Highbridge near Bristol.

Earnings per share rose by 58 per cent to 23.54p and the final dividend of 3.3p makes a total for the year of 5p, an increase of 47 per cent.

## ALPHA STOCKS

| | Vol '000 | | Vol '000 | | Vol '000 | | Vol '000 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ADT | 917 | CU | 1,045 | Laporte | 10 | Sainsbury | 2,065 |
| Abbey | 1,252 | Cons Gold | 471 | L&G | 493 | Scot & N | 533 |
| Alld-Lyons | 1,942 | Cookson | 742 | Lloyds | 853 | Sears | 1,639 |
| Amstrad | 9,141 | Courtaulds | 1,826 | Lonrho | 418 | Sedgwick | 1,047 |
| ASDA | 5,929 | Dalgety | 432 | Lucas | 589 | Shell | 3,366 |
| AB Foods | 178 | Dixons | 8,470 | Magnet | 11 | Siebe | 23 |
| Argyll | 2,866 | ECC | 1,176 | M&S | 5,865 | Slough | 49 |
| BAA | 2,821 | Enterprise | 193 | Maxwell Cm | 219 | Smith & N | 1,533 |
| BET | 1,964 | Ferranti | 2,837 | MB Group | 88 | Smith WH | 673 |
| BTR | 915 | Fisons | 1,997 | MEPC | 201 | Smiths Ind | 656 |
| BAT | 2,017 | FKI Babck | 551 | Midland | 1,244 | STC | 1,891 |
| Barclays | 963 | Gateway Cp | 4,155 | NatWest | 1,150 | Stan Chart | 933 |
| Bass | 530 | Gen Acc | 142 | Next | 2,166 | Storehse | 968 |
| Beecham | 1,929 | GEC | 3,957 | Nth Food | 148 | Sun Allnce | 179 |
| Beazer | 780 | Glaxo | 1,021 | P&O | 521 | T & N | 67 |
| Bensfd Intl | 280 | Globe Inv | 361 | Pearl | 87 | Tarmac | 4,364 |
| BICC | 273 | Glynwed | 305 | Pearson | 289 | Tate & Lyle | 782 |
| Blue Arrow | 9,256 | Granada | 585 | Pilkington | 1,043 | Taylor Wood | 64 |
| Blue Circle | 836 | Grand Met | 3,602 | Plessey | 2,260 | TSB | 3,396 |
| BOC | 662 | GUS 'A' | 644 | Polly Peck | 245 | Tesco | 2,948 |
| Boots | 1,469 | GRE | 829 | Prudential | 4770 | Thorn EMI | 3,606 |
| BPB | 819 | GKN | 1,224 | Racal | 7,653 | Trafalgar | 681 |
| Br Aero | 980 | Guinness | 1,960 | Racal Tele | 419 | THF | 1,639 |
| Br Airways | 6,774 | Hamm 'A' | 31 | Rk Hovis | 1,438 | Ultramar | 102,881 |
| Br Comm | 510 | Hanson | 6,209 | Rank | 506 | Unigate | 865 |
| Br Gas | 6,270 | H & C | 1,550 | R&C | 93 | Unilever | 1,033 |
| Br Land | 274 | Hawker | 1,491 | Redland | 1,002 | United Bis | 1,249 |
| Br Petrol | 2,397 | Hillsdown | 2,966 | Reed | 530 | Utd News | 182 |
| Br Steel | 10,328 | IMI | 219 | Reuters | 1,417 | Wellcome | 732 |
| Br Telecm | 14,112 | ICI | 978 | RMC Gp | 494 | Whitbrd | 1,933 |
| Bunzl | 162 | Inchcape | 1,242 | RTZ | 2,204 | Wiliams | 977 |
| Burmah | 408 | Jaguar | 1,465 | R-Royce | 2,048 | Willis Fab | 1,013 |
| Burton | 809 | Kingfisher | 406 | Rothmn 'B' | 548 | Wimpey G | 1,479 |
| C&W | 10,716 | Lasmo | 1,291 | Royal Bank | 329 | | |
| Cadbury | 990 | Ladbroke | 1,537 | Royal Ins | 1,561 | Full list of Equities | |
| Coats | 2,966 | Land Sec | 1,364 | Saatchi | 1,675 | on page 31 | |

## RECENT ISSUES

**EQUITIES**

| | |
|---|---|
| Abtrust New Dawn (100p) | 101 |
| Amberley Gp (57p) | 63 |
| Ass Brit Consult (155p) | 166 −1 |
| Boxmore Intl (100p) | 126 |
| CCS Group | 35 |
| CMB Packaging | £63 +¼ |
| CST Emerging Tst (50p) | 48 |
| Capita Gp (100p) | 143 −2 |
| Davenport Vernon (135p) | 138 |
| Diamond Group (85p) | 91 |
| Eden Corp (21p) | 23 |
| Gartmore Value | 54½ −½ |
| Green (John) (100p) | 118 |
| Hoskins Brewery | 85 −5 |
| Ibex Hldgs (175p) | 175 −1 |
| Malacca Fund | £13⅛ |
| Mid Kent Hldgs | 430 −20 |
| Miskin Group (58p) | 62 |
| Poddington (20p) | 88 +3 |
| Porth Group (100p) | 105 −1 |
| Prop Comp London | 215 |
| Quiligotti (52p) | 68 +1 |
| R & V Info Sys (60p) | 72 |
| Ross Catherall (125p) | 181 |
| Servomex (125p) | 147 |
| Sheffield Ins (125p) | 148 |
| Sth Africa Land | 47 |
| Try Group (125p) | 137 −1 |
| Vista Entertainment | 12 |
| Vizcaya (38p) | 38 |

**RIGHTS ISSUES**

| | |
|---|---|
| Concentric N/P | 40 +2 |
| Creston N/P | 16 −3 |
| Ex-Land N/P | 68 |
| Mid Kent N/P | 110 −13 |
| Oceana Cons N/P | 4 |
| Porter Chadburn N/P | 15 |
| Resort Hotel N/P | 1 |
| Senior England N/P | 9½ +½ |
| Staks N/P | 1 |
| Telfos N/P | 30 −3 |

(Issue price in brackets).

## TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

| First Dealings | Last Dealings | Last Declaration | For Settlement |
|---|---|---|---|
| May 15 | May 26 | August 10 | August 21 |

Call options were taken out on: 23/5/89 Oceonics, Parkdale, Chrisses Intnl, Cutus, McCarthy & Stone, Five Oaks, Creston, Astra Holdings, Clogau, Kelt, Bristol Channel, TR Energy, Fitch Lovell, Candover, Medirace, Amstrad, Charterhall.

## LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

| | Series | Calls Jul | Calls Oct | Calls Jan | Puts Jul | Puts Oct | Puts Jan |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alld Lyon (*442) | 420 | 37 | 51 | 58 | 4½ | 10 | 16 |
| | 460 | 13 | 27 | 37 | 23 | 31 | 36 |
| | 500 | 4 | 12 | 19 | 61 | 65 | 68 |
| Bass (*955) | 900 | 82 | 117 | 127 | 6 | 11 | 20 |
| | 950 | 47 | 77 | 92 | 23 | 30 | 37 |
| | 1000 | 20 | 50 | 60 | 50 | 55 | 62 |
| Beecham (*640) | 500 | 143 | 160 | – | 2 | 8 | – |
| | 550 | 93 | 115 | 125 | 3 | 7 | 10 |
| | 600 | 50 | 77 | 92 | 10 | 18 | 25 |
| | 650 | 21 | 47 | 68 | 32 | 40 | 45 |
| Boots (*298) | 240 | 60 | 67 | 74 | 1 | 2 | 2½ |
| | 260 | 40 | 51 | 58 | 1½ | 4½ | 6½ |
| | 280 | 23 | 35 | 40 | 5 | 9 | 11 |
| | 300 | 12 | 22 | 30 | 16 | 17 | 19 |
| Brit Air (*209) | 180 | 19 | 23 | 31 | 3 | 5 | 9 |
| | 200 | 6½ | 14 | 19 | 11 | 13 | 18 |
| | 220 | 2 | 5 | 11 | 30 | 31 | 33 |
| Brit Com (*209) | 200 | 10 | 18 | 22 | 8 | 10 | 16 |
| | 220 | 4 | 9 | 12 | 24 | 24 | 26 |
| | 240 | 1 | 4 | – | 44 | 44 | – |
| BP (*266) | 240 | 51½ | 54½ | – | 1 | 2 | – |
| | 260 | 32 | 37 | 42 | 2 | 4½ | 8 |
| | 280 | 15½ | 22½ | 28½ | 6 | 10½ | 13½ |
| | 300 | 6 | 12 | 16½ | 17 | 19 | 22 |
| Brit Steel (*91) | 80 | 11½ | 12½ | 16½ | 2½ | 4 | 6½ |
| | 90 | 3½ | 7½ | 11 | 8 | 9 | 11½ |
| | 100 | 1 | 3½ | 7 | 16½ | 16½ | 17 |
| C & W (*554) | 500 | 60 | 82 | 97 | 7 | 16 | 18 |
| | 550 | 26 | 49 | 66 | 26 | 33 | 38 |
| | 600 | 10 | 28 | 42 | 56 | 63 | 68 |
| Cons Gold (*1217) | 1350 | 15 | 40 | 65 | 145 | 160 | 175 |
| | 1400 | 9 | 27 | 50 | 195 | 205 | 215 |
| | 1450 | 5 | 17 | 35 | 245 | 255 | 285 |
| Com Union (*378) | 360 | 30 | 36 | 48 | 5 | 12 | 14 |
| | 390 | 11 | 20 | 30 | 18 | 28 | 28 |
| | 420 | 4 | 9 | – | 46 | 50 | – |
| Courtauld (*333) | 280 | 55 | 59 | 66 | 1½ | 3 | 5 |
| | 300 | 35 | 44 | 52 | 3 | 8 | 11 |
| | 330 | 12 | 25 | 32 | 16 | 19 | 23 |
| GKN (*396) | 330 | 79 | 85 | 95 | ½ | 2 | 4 |
| | 360 | 50 | 58 | 70 | 3 | 9 | 11 |
| | 390 | 27 | 35 | 50 | 11 | 19 | 21 |
| Grand Met (*552) | 500 | 62 | 70 | 86 | 3 | 8 | 11 |
| | 550 | 24 | 35 | 52 | 15 | 24 | 29 |
| | 600 | 6 | 16 | 29 | 52 | 55 | 60 |
| ICI (*1272) | 1150 | 160 | 167 | – | 6 | 15 | – |
| | 1200 | 105 | 127 | 170 | 14 | 25 | 33 |
| | 1250 | 65 | 95 | 137 | 25 | 45 | 50 |
| | 1300 | 37 | 68 | 107 | 52 | 65 | 70 |
| Jaguar (*317) | 280 | 44 | 47 | 60 | 1½ | 6 | 8 |
| | 300 | 30 | 37 | 48 | 6 | 12 | 14 |
| | 330 | 8 | 20 | 29 | 16 | 23 | 27 |
| Kingfisher (*304) | 280 | 32 | 42 | 52 | 3½ | 8 | 13 |
| | 300 | 20 | 26 | 40 | 10 | 17 | 20 |
| | 330 | 6 | 15 | 22 | 28 | 34 | 36 |
| Ladbroke (*596) | 550 | 61 | 61 | 91 | 4½ | 9½ | 16 |
| | 600 | 26 | 47 | 59 | 21 | 28 | 35 |
| | 650 | 8 | 25 | 35 | 56 | 58 | 64 |
| Land Sec (*582) | 550 | 36 | 55 | 67 | 9 | 13 | 16 |
| | 600 | 11 | 28 | 38 | 35 | 38 | 43 |
| | 650 | 3 | – | – | 85 | – | – |
| M & S (*186) | 160 | 32 | 39 | 43 | 1½ | 3 | 5 |
| | 180 | 16 | 22 | 28 | 5 | 7 | 10 |
| | 200 | 4½ | 10 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| STC (*359) | 300 | 64 | 72 | 84 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| | 330 | 37 | 51 | 64 | 4½ | 10 | 13 |
| | 360 | 20 | 32 | 44 | 20 | 24 | 26 |
| Sainsbury (*240) | 220 | 23 | 31 | 37 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | 240 | 8 | 17 | 24 | 9 | 11 | 11 |
| | 260 | 2½ | 8 | 13 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| Shell (*404) | 350 | 65 | – | – | 1½ | – | – |
| | 390 | 26 | 34 | 47 | 6 | 10 | 12 |
| | 420 | 10 | 18 | 27 | 18 | 23 | 25 |
| Storehse (*175) | 140 | 38 | 40 | 44 | 1½ | 4 | 6 |
| | 160 | 21 | 24 | 29 | 6 | 9 | 12 |
| | 180 | 9½ | 14 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 22 |
| Trafalgar (*384) | 330 | 56 | 76 | 78 | 1½ | 3 | 7 |
| | 360 | 34 | 52 | 54 | 5 | 10 | 14 |
| | 390 | 18 | 32 | 36 | 18 | 22 | 30 |
| Ultramar (*304) | 280 | 42 | 53 | 62 | 7 | 8 | 14 |
| | 300 | 23 | 40 | 50 | 13 | 16 | 22 |
| | 330 | 9 | 21 | 32 | 30 | 33 | 35 |
| Unilever (*550) | 500 | 62 | 82 | 92 | 2½ | 6 | 8 |
| | 550 | 27 | 45 | 57 | 18 | 20 | 22 |
| | 600 | 6 | 20 | 32 | 50 | 50 | 51 |
| Utd Bisc (*342) | 300 | 49 | 61 | 67 | 2½ | 4 | 7 |
| | 330 | 25 | 38 | 45 | 8 | 12 | 16 |
| | 360 | 9 | 20 | 28 | 23 | 25 | 29 |
| | Series | Aug | Nov | Feb | Aug | Nov | Feb |
| BAA (*343) | 330 | 26 | 43 | 49 | 10 | 14 | 19 |
| | 360 | 11 | 25 | 32 | 27 | 30 | 35 |
| | 390 | 4 | 11 | – | 50 | 52 | – |
| BAT Ind (*552) | 500 | 80 | 92 | 108 | 4 | 10 | 13 |
| | 550 | 41 | 58 | 77 | 16 | 25 | 29 |
| | 600 | 17 | 32 | 44 | 42 | 49 | 51 |
| BTR (*368) | 360 | 41 | 50 | 62 | 5 | 10 | 12 |
| | 390 | 21 | 32 | 43 | 14 | 21 | 24 |
| | 420 | 9 | 19 | 29 | 35 | 37 | 40 |
| Brit Aero (*646) | 600 | 72 | 97 | 115 | 12 | 24 | 27 |
| | 650 | 43 | 62 | 88 | 31 | 45 | 48 |
| | 700 | 24 | 42 | 65 | 60 | 67 | 73 |
| Brit Tele (*277) | 260 | 34 | 31 | 38 | 5 | 7½ | 9 |
| | 280 | 9 | 19 | 24 | 15 | 18 | 20 |
| | 300 | 3½ | 10 | – | 30 | 32 | – |
| Cadbury (*382) | 330 | 44 | 55 | 68 | 3½ | 5 | 8 |
| | 360 | 20 | 33 | 46 | 13 | 17 | 19 |
| | 390 | 7 | 19 | 29 | 31 | 32 | 33 |
| Guinness (*492) | 420 | 74 | 86 | – | 4 | 5 | – |
| | 460 | 42 | 56 | 70 | 10 | 16 | 18 |
| | 500 | 18 | 34 | 48 | 28 | 34 | 36 |
| GEC (*245) | 220 | 32 | 38 | 44 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | 240 | 18 | 24 | 30 | 9 | 11 | 14 |
| | 260 | 5½ | 12 | 20 | 21 | 23 | 25 |

| | Series | Calls Aug | Calls Nov | Calls Feb | Puts Aug | Puts Nov | Puts Feb |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hanson (*200) | 160 | 41 | – | – | 1 | – | – |
| | 180 | 22 | 30½ | 32 | 2½ | 3½ | 5½ |
| | 200 | 9 | 16½ | 19½ | 8 | 10 | 13 |
| | 220 | 2½ | 8 | 11 | 23 | 23½ | 26 |
| LASMO (*457) | 441 | 42 | 62 | – | 14 | 18 | – |
| | 479 | 21 | 40 | – | 30 | 35 | – |
| | 500 | 10 | 22 | 38 | 45 | 47 | 63 |
| P & O (*685) | 650 | 62 | 77 | 97 | 11 | 19 | 24 |
| | 700 | 32 | 47 | 67 | 35 | 44 | 47 |
| | 750 | 12 | 26 | 45 | 70 | 77 | 77 |
| Pilkington (*246) | 220 | 27 | 35 | 41 | 5 | 8 | 9 |
| | 240 | 13 | 24 | 30 | 11 | 15 | 17 |
| | 260 | 6 | 14 | 20 | 26 | 27 | 31 |
| Plessey (*267) | 240 | 31 | 35 | 37 | 2½ | 3½ | 4½ |
| | 260 | 17 | 24 | 25 | 7½ | 8½ | 10 |
| | 280 | 7½ | 10½ | 14 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| Prudential (*180) | 160 | 26 | 31 | – | 3 | 5 | – |
| | 180 | 11 | 16 | 22 | 8 | 10 | 12 |
| | 200 | 5 | 7 | 12 | 22 | 24 | 24 |
| Racal (*488) | 390 | 102 | 117 | – | 1½ | 4 | – |
| | 420 | 74 | 93 | – | 3½ | 9 | – |
| | 460 | 44 | 66 | 79 | 13 | 21 | 24 |
| | 500 | 23 | 44 | 58 | 33 | 40 | 44 |
| | 550 | 10 | 24 | 37 | 68 | 68 | 70 |
| RTZ (*511) | 460 | 70 | – | – | 4 | – | – |
| | 500 | 38 | 53 | 65 | 14 | 22 | 25 |
| | 550 | 13 | 28 | 40 | 43 | 47 | 50 |
| Scot & New (*305) | 280 | 33 | 46 | – | 6 | 12 | – |
| | 300 | 21 | 33 | 42 | 14 | 20 | 24 |
| | 330 | 9 | 19 | 29 | 34 | 38 | 42 |
| Tesco (*178) | 160 | 24 | 29 | 36 | 3 | 4 | 4½ |
| | 180 | 8½ | 16 | 22 | 8 | 10 | 12 |
| | 200 | 3 | 7 | 12 | 24 | 24 | 25 |
| | Series | Jul | Sep | Nov | Jul | Sep | Nov |
| ASDA (*171) | 140 | 35 | 37 | 40 | 2 | 2½ | 2½ |
| | 160 | 18 | 21 | 25 | 4 | 6 | 8 |
| | 180 | 9 | 11 | 14 | 14 | 17 | 20 |
| Gateway (*200) | 180 | 25 | 27 | 30 | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| | 200 | 12 | 13 | 15 | 9 | 12 | 14 |
| | 220 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 24 | 27 | 30 |
| | Series | Sep | Dec | Mar | Sep | Dec | Mar |
| Vaal Reefs (*889) | 70 | 6½ | 9 | 10 | 5 | 7 | 8 |
| | 80 | 3½ | 5 | 6 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| | 90 | 1½ | 3 | – | 22 | 24 | – |
| | Series | Jun | Sep | Dec | Jun | Sep | Dec |
| Amstrad (*107) | 120 | 1½ | 6½ | 10 | 16 | 18 | 19 |
| | 130 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| | 140 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 36 | 35 | 36 |
| Barclays (*470) | 420 | 54 | 64 | 70 | 2 | 4 | 7 |
| | 460 | 16 | 32 | 40 | 6 | 16 | 18 |
| | 500 | 4 | 12 | 18 | 34 | 40 | 40 |
| Blue Circ (*591) | 460 | 138 | 146 | – | 1 | 3 | – |
| | 500 | 96 | 110 | 124 | 1½ | 5 | 6 |
| | 550 | 50 | 70 | 86 | 6 | 15 | 18 |
| | 600 | 17 | 38 | 54 | 22 | 32 | 36 |
| Brit Gas (*180) | 140 | 42 | – | – | ¼ | – | – |
| | 160 | 22 | 25 | 27 | ½ | 2½ | 3½ |
| | 180 | 5 | 8½ | 13½ | 4½ | 10 | 11½ |
| | 200 | ¼ | 2½ | 6½ | 21 | 23 | 24 |
| Dixons (*148) | 140 | 14 | 18 | 24 | 5 | 9 | 12 |
| | 160 | 5½ | 11½ | 15 | 18 | 22 | 24 |
| | 180 | 2½ | 5½ | 8 | 35 | 37 | 38 |
| Glaxo (*1432) | 1200 | 242 | 265 | – | 2 | 5 | – |
| | 1250 | 192 | 240 | 257 | 2 | 7 | 14 |
| | 1300 | 145 | 197 | 217 | 4 | 13 | 22 |
| | 1350 | 102 | 157 | 177 | 9 | 22 | 34 |
| | 1400 | 64 | 122 | 147 | 20 | 37 | 50 |
| Hawker (*718) | 650 | 82 | 109 | 120 | 3 | 10 | 16 |
| | 700 | 37 | 72 | 85 | 15 | 24 | 30 |
| | 750 | 12 | 44 | 57 | 40 | 50 | 55 |
| Hillsdown (*280) | 260 | 25 | 36 | 44 | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| | 280 | 10 | 24 | 30 | 8 | 10 | 12 |
| | 300 | 3 | 11 | 20 | 22 | 24 | 27 |
| Lonrho (*279) | 257 | 28 | 37 | 47 | 2 | 9 | 11 |
| | 283 | 9 | 20 | 29 | 12 | 21 | 23 |
| | 309 | 3 | 10 | 17 | 32 | 37 | 41 |
| Midland (*348) | 279 | 72 | 78 | – | 1 | 1½ | – |
| | 300 | 50 | 58 | 64 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| | 329 | 22 | 30 | 40 | 3 | 10 | 12 |
| | 357 | 5 | 14 | – | 14 | 20 | – |
| R-Royce (*192) | 140 | 54½ | 61 | – | ¼ | 1 | – |
| | 160 | 34½ | 42 | 44 | 1 | 1½ | 2½ |
| | 180 | 17 | 28 | 28 | 3 | 5 | 7½ |
| | 200 | 4 | 11½ | 17 | 10 | 12 | 15 |
| Sears (*118) | 120 | 4½ | 9½ | 12½ | 5½ | 8 | 9 |
| | 130 | 1½ | 5 | 9 | 14 | 15 | 17 |
| | 140 | ½ | 2½ | 3½ | 23 | 24 | 24½ |
| THF (*308) | 280 | 33 | 41 | 52 | 1½ | 6 | 7 |
| | 300 | 17 | 27 | 38 | 6 | 12 | 14 |
| | 330 | 5 | 13 | 21 | 24 | 28 | 29 |
| Thorn EMI (*704) | 650 | 67 | 70 | 92 | 3 | 8 | 14 |
| | 700 | 20 | 29 | 50 | 15 | 28 | 42 |
| | 750 | 5 | 14 | 22 | 48 | 54 | 69 |
| TSB (*107) | 100 | 9 | 11 | 14 | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| | 110 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 8 |
| | 120 | 1½ | 2½ | 5 | 14 | 15 | 15 |
| Wellcome (*454) | 420 | 42 | 60 | 70 | 3 | 10 | 14 |
| | 460 | 14 | 34 | 46 | 17 | 26 | 29 |
| | 500 | 3 | 16 | 28 | 48 | 50 | 54 |

FT-SE INDEX (*2159)

| Series | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | May | Jun | Jul | Aug |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1900 | 256 | 272 | 290 | – | ½ | 2 | 4 | – |
| 1950 | 208 | 223 | 242 | 255 | ½ | 3½ | 6 | 9 |
| 2000 | 158 | 175 | 197 | 210 | 1 | 6 | 11 | 14 |
| 2050 | 108 | 130 | 152 | 165 | 2½ | 10½ | 17 | 24 |
| 2100 | 68 | 88 | 112 | 127 | 5½ | 19 | 28 | 33 |
| 2150 | 23 | 59 | 77 | 92 | 18 | 34 | 42 | 48 |
| 2200 | 6 | 29 | 50 | 64 | 52 | 60 | 67 | 75 |

May 23, 1989 Total: 34098 Calls 22436 Puts 11662 FT-SE: Calls 2586 Puts 5451
*Underlying security price.

# Expansion at Canyon to create jobs

By Robert Rodwell

Canyon Europe, the second Japanese investment in Northern Ireland, which manufactures environment-friendly mist sprayers for the European market, is expanding its plant at Mallusk near Belfast and increasing its workforce from 100 to 180.

Although Canyon started production less than two years ago it is already producing two million sprayers a month — the level planned for the third year.

Mr Yukimasa Ishihara, the managing director, said the expansion was necessary to meet very substantial growth in European demand for reusable and throw-away trigger-type sprayers which are used for such domestic products as window polishes and insect sprays.

# Far East demand for gold 'to limit chances of price fall'

By Colin Narbrough

Consolidated Gold Fields, the mining investment group, has predicted that continued strong demand from the Far East will limit the chance of a substantial fall in the gold price this year.

*Gold 1989*, the group's annual survey of the gold market, said the price has averaged $389 so far this year, well below the 1988 average of $436.83.

It anticipates that, barring a major world economic crisis, investment demand from Europe and North America is likely to remain subdued, while fast-growing investment demand from the Far East is expected to continue to accompany the region's strong economic growth and trading performance. Any significant upward movement in price is also likely to be checked by accelerated forward selling by producers and the increased use of gold loans — speeding up the supply of physical gold to the market.

The price of the metal was yesterday fixed at $363.40 in London, slightly above the 33-month low it reached on Monday in response to the strong dollar.

The survey sees the lower gold price starting to pose problems for high-cost producers, as operating costs for 20 per cent of western production is above the present price level.

Still weaker prices could quickly lead to falling output in some countries. However, in general, mine production is expected to continue to increase after last year, climbing 11 per cent to a record 1,538 tonnes. South Africa remains top producer, but higher production in the US, Canada and Australia has reduced its share of world output to 40 per cent.

Carat jewellery is seen as continuing to provide the cornerstone of the gold business.

Last year, jewellery production absorbed 1,484 tonnes of gold, an increase of 30 per cent on the previous year. Industrial consumption was modest by comparison at 258 tonnes, but was 12 tonnes higher than the previous year and at its best since 1979.

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# Chloride poised for profits fall to 'not less than £12m'

By Martin Waller

Long-suffering shareholders in Chloride Group, the battery maker, took another knock yesterday when the shares slid 6p to 37p on news that pre-tax profits in the year to end-March would be "not less than £12 million," down from £18.2 million last time.

The company was giving details of the sale of its European motive power operations for £55 million, announced last month, which is to be voted on by shareholders on June 9. It has followed this with the sale of Exide Europe, its loss-making European automotive battery business.

The first sale was accompanied by a warning of lower profits in the latest financial year and a suggestion that the final dividend might be cut. In the event the payment will be 0.55p, against 1.5p last time, almost halving the year's total to 1.1p, from 2p. The company also said the high tax rate in countries where it still operates in the battery business, including India and parts of Africa, would push the tax charge "significantly higher" than the average rate of corporation tax in Britain.

The group is taking an extraordinary gain into the 1988-89 figures from the two disposals. Profits on the sale of the motive power operations, however, will be offset by a book loss from the Exide disposal, which brought in substantially less than the City had been expecting, and by restructuring costs as a consequence of the changed shape of the company.

Cold comfort from a mild winter: Ray Horrocks, chairman

Chloride has been chaired by Mr Ray Horrocks, the former BL executive, since last November. He became chief executive last month with the departure of Mr Kent Price.

The company has blamed the mild European winter for a severe reduction in demand for car batteries which has affected full-year figures.

It is giving no indication of the eventual size of the extraordinary gain, but analysts estimate it at perhaps £8 million-£9 million.

The disposals will cut borrowings from almost £90 million to £20 million.

Mr Sandy Morris, analyst at County NatWest WoodMac, the company's broker, had already reduced his estimate for 1988-89 pre-tax profits to £13 million. He said: "I thought before that all the bad news had emerged and I took a fairly cautious line in case it hadn't, but this is worse than I had thought.

"As far as I can see they have cleared the decks. But this is their last chance if they are to have any credibility."

He is now looking for £17 million pre-tax in the current financial year, a reduction of £3 million on his initial forecast, but is keen on prospects for the remaining business.

# YTV at £10m on cuts in staff

By Wolfgang Münchau

Reductions in staffing and overtime levels have led to a larger-than-expected rise in profits at Yorkshire Television Holdings.

Pre-tax profits rose from £7.8 million to £10.4 million in the six months to end-March, against expectations of about £9 million. Earnings per share rose from 14p to 18.3p. The interim dividend has been raised from 3p to 3.3p. The shares rose 6p to 311p on the news.

Mr Clive Leach, the managing director, said he achieved his target of reducing the workforce from 1,643 a year ago to a little more than 1,400, mainly through voluntary redundancies and early retirement. In addition, the overtime ratio has been cut 52 per cent from 40.9 per cent to 19.4 per cent.

However, in terms of advertising revenue Yorkshire TV continues to underperform the rest of the industry. Its total market share in ITV advertising fell from 9.1 per cent to 8.7 per cent, as advertising revenue rose by 10.8 per cent to £71.8 million, against an average network growth rate of 15.4 per cent.

Mr Leach predicted that the gap, which reflects stronger advertising growth in the south of England, is unlikely to widen in the current year.

He claimed that, as a result of the cost reductions and a continued emphasis on high quality programming, Yorkshire TV stands a good chance of retaining its franchise licence in 1991.

The company is currently engaged in two large productions, *Till We Meet Again*, a five-hour mini-series, and *Yellow Thread Street*, a 31-hour series.

But with the costs of these productions coming into the current-year accounts and the revenue into the next, the final-year figures are expected to be lower than the interim results would suggest.

COMMENT David Brewerton

# Isosceles nowhere with Gateway waiting game

Everyone is on the edge of their seats waiting for the next move from Isosceles in its, so far, limp campaign to take over Gateway, the food retailing group which has had almost as many suitors as it has hadcorporate names.

On offer so far is 195p cash, a figure which is barely credible as an opening shot, let alone a reasonable offer. The Isosceles tactic seems to be to wait for the market to fall far enough to make 195p an attractive offer, rather than move too fast to improve the terms.

In takeovers timing is all, and once again a major bid for a company on the back foot has been timed wrongly. A bid which should have been a pushover has been allowed to develop into a fight. The timing has allowed Gateway to produce a profits improvement for the year to end-April, and although the Isosceles operation has done its best to rubbish the figures, the numbers will stick sufficiently to give the appearance of a turn-up in Gateway's fortunes. Whether that turn-up is based on genuine trading improvements or a complex system of mirrors will become clear only with the next set of trading results, by which time Isosceles will either have gone back to designing triangles or be the proud owner of half a supermarket chain. The other half, of course, will have been sold to Asda, assuming Asda itself is not on the wrong end of hostile action.

The other aspect of timing is the positioning of the whole food retailing scetor. The sector underperformed all last year and into the first quarter of 1989, but has decisively bottomed out and is attracting investment interest. Gateway may not be on everybody's "buy" list, against Tesco and Argyll, where the managements are on better terms with the City than Gateway's, but at least it is a sound asset play. That is why companies in the arbitrage business, such as the US fund management group Mutual Shares, feel comfortable buying Gateway up to and even beyond the price of the Isosceles bid.

There is a price for Gateway, and this is recognized not only by Alec Monk, Gateway chairman, but also by Associated British Foods, its major shareholder. But it is not 195p, and other shareholders should sit back and wait for further action.

# BA flying high with B-Cal

Those who said that British Airways paid too much at the time of its B-Cal purchase were hard to find after the 1988-89 results emerged yesterday. B-Cal's performance is well nigh impossible to isolate after its complete integration into BA, but it clearly had a beneficial impact overall.

The troubled B-Cal was a big factor in BA's extra staff costs of £125 million and a £91 million increase in depreciation charges. Even though Lord King and Sir Colin Marshall inherited some problems along with their acquisition, the 42 per cent rise in operating surplus and 17.5 per cent increase in pre-tax profits must be judged a highly satisfactory performance.

In fact, a close scrutiny of the results suggest that BA could easily have turned in even better figures had the occasion demanded. The group absorbed a number of additional costs throughout its operations. In total they were hefty.

Start-up costs for the Air Miles promotion, Galileo, the joint reservation systems and losses on the Redwing Holidays venture alone accounted for £28 million. BA might chop this figure by £20 million or so this year. Delays due to air traffic control problems beyond the airline's influence accounted for a further £15 million and £24 million of the higher depreciation charges arose from the fleet revaluation last year.

It was not until the airline integrated its scheduled services that the benefits of B-Cal began to emerge fully. Traffic growth was flat as a Heathrow runway for the first six months of the year but grew strongly by 5.5 per cent and 6.9 per cent in the two final quarters. The new year started spectacularly with a 10 per cent April rise in traffic and the momentum has continued through into May. So the full benefits of the acquisition should make their full impact in the current year though they will be held back to some extent by the late delivery of Boeing 747-400 aircraft. This is a mixed blessing since it means that BA should be able boost the yield from each of its passengers if seats on its key routes are in short supply.

BA looks set fair for another solid advance since yields across the route network are edging upwards and unit costs, already declining, will receive a further downward push this year. Sir Colin has started with a programme to reduce staff costs by a further 10 per cent.

The City reaction, an 8p fall in the shares to 200p, was cautious

BA is in the throes of a massive re-equipment phase and will obviously have to fork out more in sterling terms. But the market's simplistic response yesterday ignores the airline's sizeable dollar revenues. So far, the group is relaxed and says the dollar's latest moves are in total mildly beneficial.

BA's bottom line is the difference between two large numbers and is potentially volatile. But profits this year should be between £310 million and £340 million this year putting the shares on a p/e of less than 7. There are few hostages to fortune in such a cautious rating.

# GrandMet in more US disposals

Grand Metropolitan is selling two more businesses it acquired as part of the takeover of Pillsbury, the US food group. They are Van de Kamp's, a producer of frozen fish products which had a turnover of $135 million (£85 million) last year, and Bumble Bee Seafoods which had sales of $283 million.

At the same time, International Distillers and Vintners, the wines and spirits arm of GrandMet, is selling its Calona Wines business in Canada for Can$16.9 million (£8.9 million).

At meetings with a number of British institutions, Mr Allen Sheppard, the chairman of GrandMet, said the Pillsbury deal would "prove as positive as the Liggett and Heublein acquisitions."

## Property rise

Pre-tax profits at Shaftesbury, the property developer, climbed from £1.46 million to £2.75 million in the six months to end-March. Earnings rose from 6.26p to 9.25p. There is no interim dividend, as in the previous year. The shares fell 4p to 221p.

## Radio jump

Radio City (Sound of Merseyside) reports doubled pre-tax profits for the six months to end-March, at £623,000 against £308,000, and a resumed interim dividend on the USM-quoted shares of 3p. The group accompanied the figures with a cautious statement, warning that advertising revenues could be volatile.

## Alexanders up

Alexanders, the Scottish Ford motor dealer, showed a 20 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £673,000 in the half-year to March despite a £700,000 fall in sales to £35 million. There is no interim dividend.

# Tomorrows sells hotel for £11m

By Neil Bennett

Tomorrows Leisure, the Third Market snooker club and golf course operator, saw its net asset value soar 146 per cent to 82.9p yesterday when it sold its only hotel to Queens Moat Houses for £11 million.

After the deal, the company will have more than £7 million in cash which it plans to use for leisure developments.

It is making a profit of more than £8 million on the George Washington Hotel in Washington, Tyne and Wear, which it bought and refurbished in 1986. The hotel made £634,000 on sales of £1.9 million in the year to March, making it one of the most profitable in the North-east.

News of the deal had leaked out, sending Tomorrows Leisure's shares from 46p two weeks ago to 80p before yesterday's announcement.

Mr John Sanderson, Tomorrows' chief executive, does well out of the deal. Subject to shareholders' approval he is being granted 1.14 million share options for his work, which can be exercised in 1991. They are worth more than £600,000 at the current share price.

# Grenfell in Soviet loan

Morgan Grenfell and a syndicate of international banks yesterday signed a $330 million (£208 million) loan for a petrochemical plant in the Soviet Union — the biggest credit to date for a Soviet joint venture with Western companies.

It is the first loan to benefit from the Export Credits Guarantee Department's new project financing scheme, and is being made to ASETCO, a Jersey company set up to promote and finance plant modernization in the Soviet petrochemicals industry.

The banking syndicate includes National Westminister Bank, Barclays Bank, Standard Chartered Bank, Narody Bank of Moscow, and French, Finnish and Arab banks.

# Interim slip for Leeds Group

By Our City Staff

The poor retailing climate has forced Leeds Group, the textile processor, to announce its first fall in profits for nine years, down a third to £1.43 million in the six months to March. The dividend, at 2.7p, is not being increased for the first time in more than two decades.

Problems occurred at the Walsden subsidiary, which prints and finishes cloth for retail customers. While volumes remained steady, runs were shorter and more complex, cutting its profit margin. Its business was also hampered by a six-month delay in the commissioning of its new dyehouse. Leeds' woollen dyeing business was also hit by the mild winter.

But Colourflex and Scott & Rhodes, the worsted printing companies, continued to do well in export markets.

Announcing the news, Mr Robert Wade, Leeds' chairman, said: "You can guess how I feel. I'm covered in blood here." He said there had been an improvement in demand since March — "but don't get too excited about it."

# Ossory Estates to raise £49m

Ossory Estates, the property group, is raising £49 million from a banking syndicate through a seldom-used preference share issue in which, while the banks advance the money by means of a loan facility, it reaches the company through the issue of preference shares by an offshore company linked to Ossory. The preference shares carry a dividend of 6.5 per cent.

# Eagle Trust dealings halted

By Jeremy Andrews

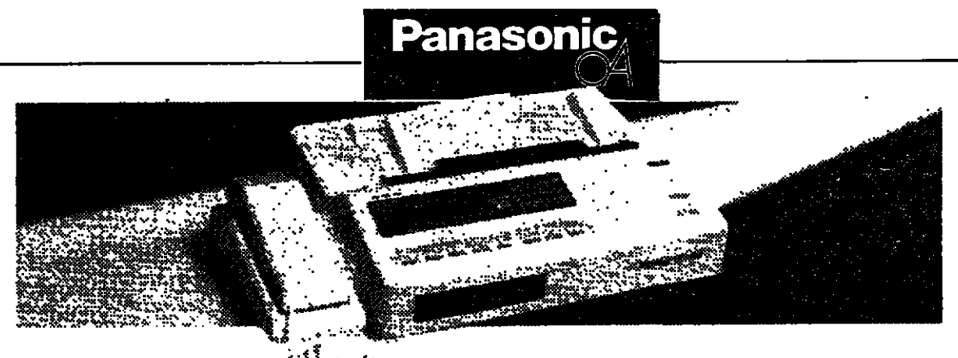
Shares in Eagle Trust, the troubled Midlands conglomerate, were suspended at 17¾p yesterday after the announcement that Iroquois Brands, a quoted US company led by Mr Malcolm Stockdale, had taken a 15 per cent stake.

The suspension is pending the publication of Eagle's 1988 results and reorganization proposals. At the suspension price the company is capitalized at £136 million.

Eagle Trust said last month that it had received a possible bid approach, reputedly from Bridgend Group, where Mr Neil List, the former stockbroker, is chairman. The purchase would have been a big mouthful for Bridgend and its shares rose 7p to 76p on news of Iroquois' intervention.

Eagle Trust was formed two years ago when Mitchell Somers, the heavy engineer, and Midland City Partnership, the builders merchant, were backed into the former Audiotronic Holdings. But its troubles began when a rights issue to pay for the £48 million acquisition of Samuelson, the film facilities house, ended up in the hands of the underwriter, Swiss Bank Corporation, at the time of the stock market crash. Swiss Bank Corporation Stockbroking resigned as the company's broker this March.

Mr Stockdale is best known in Britain for his role at British Benzol Carbonising into which Powerscreen, the Ulster crushing machinery maker, was reversed.

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# Down and out in a good cause

One group of regular commuters not to be troubled by the London tube strike were two main board directors of Kingfisher — Nigel Whittaker and Archie Norman — and a dozen or so of their colleagues, who slept on the steps of Woolworth House, on Marylebone Road. The coincidence with the tube strike — "We were at our desks by 7.30am," says Whittaker — was purely by chance. For they were really doing their bit to help launch National Sleep Out Week, and raise funds through sponsorship for St Mungo Housing, which helps single homeless people. "I feel as if I didn't get any sleep at all, but I'm told I did sleep for about 1½ hours," says Whittaker. "It was a warm, dry night but nevertheless pretty painful." The £7,000 or so raised through sponsorship was topped up to around £10,000 after the event, as the fund managers behind Kingfisher's institutional shareholders chipped in when they arrived at the company's corporate hospitality tent at the Chelsea Flower Show. The Kingfisher directors were given additional cause for celebration yesterday when B&Q, its DIY subsidiary, won a gold medal and the coveted "Best Garden of the Show" award.

## Bonus time

Forget what you hear, times cannot really be that tough at the top. I am told that Cazenove, the blue-blooded stockbroker, last week informed its staff it would be paying them a bonus after all. They will be receiving slightly more than 100 per cent of their salaries. Refusing to confirm or deny this, the firm's joint senior partner, John Kemp-Welch, told me: "As you know, we try to keep a low profile here."

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# Send in the clones

**John Ashcroft, the chairman of the Coloroll home furnishings group, has always maintained a high profile with his forthright views on the home fashion industry. Now Ashcroft, aged 39, has commissioned a survey among retailers to find out what they think of his company and the way in which their attitudes towards it may have changed since it took over the Kosset and Crossley carpet brands. The results of the survey were given to analysts at yesterday's meeting, called to discuss Coloroll's full-year results. And it is typical of Ashcroft that he has not bothered to censor some of the views, which describe the Coloroll management as "clone-like, somewhat robotic, clean-cut, well-mannered, but characterless, lacking humour." Perhaps they have a sense of humour after all.**

## Key bored

Try as they might, chief executives of companies just do not seem to be taking to their personal computers. A survey by *Fortune*, the US business magazine, of the computing habits of those at the head of the top 500 companies there found that only about a fifth of them ever came within arm's length of a personal computer. According to the survey, chief executive officers aged 50 or younger are twice as likely to use a computer as the rest of the 500. Last year 27 per cent of white-collar workers in the companies in question had computers on their desks. The figure for 1986 was 19 per cent. But for chief executive officers the figure declined slightly, from 21.7 per cent in 1986 to 21.4 per cent in 1988.

Carol Leonard

# Focus on Newmont reshuffle

From Mike Graham
New York

Now that the dust has settled on the Minorco/Consolidated Gold Fields court battle in New York, the focus is on the *restructuring deal announced* by Newmont Mining in its defence against Minorco.

Newmont said it was restructuring its debt and assets with Peabody Holdings, a subsidiary, in a deal that reshuffles more than $1 billion (£630 million) of Newmont debt on to Peabody's books, and results in a $500 million dividend payment being made from Peabody to Newmont.

Most analysts believed it was a manoeuvre that would make Newmont a less attractive takeover target.

But the fallout from the deal could lead to an unexpected boost to the sluggish gold bullion market. Mr Jeffrey Nichols, the managing director of American Precious Metals Advisers, said: "Basically, Newmont will try to increase its market value. Most analysts agree that a fair asset value is between $55 and $60 a share. But it is only at less than $30. Reducing debt is one way of increasing value."

He said Newmont could buy back last year's gold loan. It borrowed 1 million ounces and sold it on the market when gold was at $450 an ounce. Now gold has dropped to $360.25 an ounce, it could buy back 1 million ounces from the market and make $90 million.

**SIEMENS**

**Information for Siemens shareholders**

# Business remains buoyant

**In the first six months of the current financial year, (1 October 1988 to 31 March 1989) the positive trend of previous months has continued. International business again recorded high growth rates and the business recovery in Germany has gained strength. In the same period last year, German markets were still affected by the generally sluggish state of the economy.**

## New orders

Siemens, comprising Siemens AG and its consolidated German and international companies, booked new orders of £9,981m during the first six months, a 16% gain from £8,620m in the same period last year. International orders climbed 11% to £5,553m from the previous year's £4,998m. New orders placed in Germany advanced strongly to £4,428m, 22% up on last year's £3,622m, which reflected the weaker German economy at that time. Businesses with above-average growth rates were Telecommunication Networks and Security Systems, and Semiconductors. The overall figures for the first half of the year were also affected by a rush of major orders. We expect growth rates to weaken later in the year.

| in £m | 1/10/87 to 31/3/88 | 1/10/88 to 31/3/89 | Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| **New orders** | **8,620** | **9,981** | **+16%** |
| German business | 3,622 | 4,428 | +22% |
| International business | 4,998 | 5,553 | +11% |

## Sales

Siemens' worldwide sales at £8,239m, advanced 11% from £7,410m last year. While international sales climbed 17% to £4,748m from £4,067m a year earlier, sales in Germany gained 4% to £3,491m from £3,343m. The growth in international business is partly due to the inclusion of Siemens-Bendix Automotive Electronics for the first time. The Semiconductor business recorded a sales leap of almost 60% to over £300m. Higher sales in the KWU group were mainly due to the final billing of the Trillo 1 power station in Spain. We foresee only a slight rise in total sales for the full year, with one large German power station scheduled for billing in the second half, compared with two in the same period last year.

| in £m | 1/10/87 to 31/3/88 | 1/10/88 to 31/3/89 | Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Sales** | **7,410** | **8,239** | **+11%** |
| German business | 3,343 | 3,491 | + 4% |
| International business | 4,067 | 4,748 | +17% |

## Employees

Siemens had 363,000 employees (excluding trainees and student workers) worldwide at the end of March 1989; this is an increase of around 10,000 on the previous year-end (30 September 1988). This increase, both in Germany and abroad, was a result of acquisitions and hiring in some divisions to cater for larger order volumes. Employment costs increased 7% to £3,863m, compared with £3,596m last year.

| in thousands | 30/9/88 | 31/3/89 | Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Employees** | **353** | **363** | **+ 3%** |
| German operations | 223 | 227 | + 2% |
| International operations | 130 | 136 | + 5% |

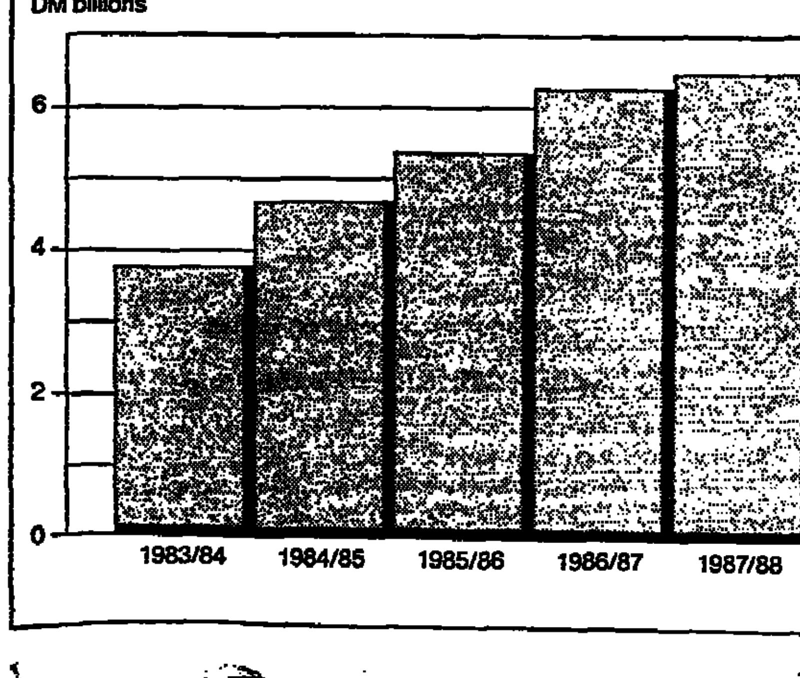
| in £m | 1/10/87 to 31/3/88 | 1/10/88 to 31/3/89 | Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Employment costs** | **3,596** | **3,863** | **+ 7%** |

## Capital spending and net income

In March, Siemens acquired a majority interest in a French company, IN 2 S.A., based at Plaisir near Paris, which specializes in medium-sized data systems. Siemens' total capital spending increased by 19% to £726m from £612m last year. Net income rose 8% to £204m, compared with £188m during the same period last year.

| in £m | 1/10/87 to 31/3/88 | 1/10/88 to 31/3/89 | Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Capital expenditure and investment** | 612 | 726 | +19% |
| **Net income after taxes** | 188 | 204 | + 8% |

All amounts translated at Frankfurt middle rate on 31/3/1989: £1 = DM 3.196.




## Research and Development for Future Growth

The market for electronic and electrical products, in which Siemens is a major player, will continue to exhibit strong growth. This dynamism is driven by numerous technological innovations, which appear at ever shorter intervals. The accelerated pace of innovation means higher development costs for each successive product generation. In this harsh environment only companies that make substantial investments in research and development can hope to survive and prosper. Siemens, whose R&D spending amounted to DM 6.5 billion in the 1987/88 financial year, has the largest R&D budget of any company in Europe. Around 96 per cent of these funds are generated internally; government research grants account for only 4 per cent of our outlay on R&D.

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# 'Spend in Britain,' Petrobrás urged

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

Petrobrás, the Brazilian state oil company which has a 2.5 per cent stake in BP's Magnus oilfield in the North Sea, and is seeking new licences in the British sector, has been sent clear signals that it will be expected to spend some of its $3 billion (£1.9 billion) annual budget in the UK.

Despite its own overseas expansion plans, Brazil forbids foreign companies operating in its waters.

However, Dr Wagner Freire, managing director of Petrobrás, and his senior management are now in Britain, discussing their equipment needs with 100 local companies. Petrobrás is about to develop two big new offshore oil fields, and as much as half of the equipment will have to be bought abroad.

Mr Peter Morrison, the Energy Minister responsible for the North Sea industry, said yesterday: "When consenting to Petrobrás's Magnus purchase last year I was aware that British oil companies do not have the same opportunity to obtain licence interest in Brazil. Nevertheless, I hope that Petrobrás will be able to take advantage of UK offshore capability in the development in Brazil and thus make a reciprocal contribution to the UK's industrial interests.

Morrison: 'Learn from Brazil'

"In this connection I shall be interested to hear the contributions from the Petrobrás team during the next two days.

"I am glad that Petrobrás has decided to apply for licences in our current offshore-licensing round. We are reviewing the heavy response from groups involving 84 companies, and I hope to announce the awards shortly."

Mr Morrison said that Brazil's subsea development programme would require state-of-the-art deep water technology. He said that Britain was a world leader in many aspects of offshore technology, in particular subsea technology, which could play a significant role in the continuing development of Brazil's offshore oil and gas resources.

He added: "At the same time there is much that we can learn from Brazil's experience. It is logical that two countries which have so successfully used high technology in the exploitation of their offshore oil and gas resources should look for areas of co-operation and mutual benefit."

Mr John D'Ancona, the director general of the UK offshore supply office, said yesterday that there was no set target for spending by Brazil in Britain, but Petrobrás was offering British companies the opportunity to bid for work. He said: "It is now up to them to show that they can compete on quality and price."

# Richardsons buys Berry Hill Group

By Our City Staff

Richardsons Westgarth, the former marine engine builder, is enlarging its steel stockholding interests with the purchase of Berry Hill Group for £3.73 million in cash and shares.

It is also raising £2.7 million net in a two-for-seven rights issue at 60p, against 75½p in the market, to fund the cash element of the acquisition and provide working capital.

Berry Hill is the holding company for James & Tatton, the long established stockholder, which operates from a 10.7 acre freehold site a mile from the centre of Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire. Last valued in 1983, the site accounts for £1.7 million of Richardsons' £8.4 million net assets after the deal but would fetch far more if sold for retail development.

James & Tatton made £433,000 after tax and management charges in the year to March 1988, so Richardsons is paying about 13 times earnings – in line with its own historic rating.

It is also taking on substantial bank borrowings as James & Tatton is highly geared, but these will be reduced to £3.5 million after the deal following disposal of Berry's fastener distribution business to its management for £1.4 million.

# Young in call over Tokyo SE

From A Correspondent
Tokyo

Lord Young, the Trade Secretary, yesterday expressed disappointment with progress in opening up Japan's financial market.

Speaking in Tokyo during a visit for a round of meetings with industry and government, Lord Young pointed to the progress seen in opening the Japanese market in a variety of areas, but not in the field of financial services.

"We have seen recent market opening moves in telecommunications and in automobiles and elsewhere," Lord Young said. "There has been progress too in financial services, though we are still disappointed that all qualified British companies are not yet able to obtain seats on the Tokyo stock exchange."

Specifically, the British Government has been bringing pressure to bear on the authorities in Tokyo to permit both Barclays de Zoete Wedd and James Capel to be given full membership of the Tokyo stock exchange.

Both groups already have sizeable operations in the Japanese capital, but they have been blocked from obtaining seats on the Tokyo exchange for some time.

Despite the high cost of operating in Tokyo, both groups of stockbrokers are still keen to obtain seats.

# 'Record' price is paid for NI commercial site

By Robert Rodwell

What is thought to be a record price for a commercial site in any Ulster provincial town has been paid for two acres in Newry, County Down – £335,000 an acre.

A former canalside coal quay has been sold for £670,000 and is to be developed for Texas Homecare at a total cost of £1.7 million.

Newry, on the main Belfast-Dublin road, is the Ulster border town which has benefited most from the cross-border retailing boom as residents from the Republic have travelled north to take advantage of both lower prices and lower VAT rates.

Newry's bonanza has been only slightly curbed by the imposition of the Dublin government of the 48-hour rule under which Irish residents can take home goods only if they have been away for at least two days – a move designed to halt organized one-day shopping trips.

# Argentina extends holiday

**Buenos Aires (Reuter)** – Argentina's bank and foreign exchange holiday on Monday was unexpectedly extended to include yesterday.

A statement from the Argentine Central Bank gave no reason for the move but government sources said the extension was declared to give economists of the ruling Radical Party more time to work out an emergency economic package which would be acceptable to the opposition Peronists who won a landslide victory in May 14 elections.

Peronist support for a plan to correct the ailing economy is a key part of negotiations aimed at bringing forward the handover of power from the orginal date of December 10.

No agreement had been reached over the package, which was expected to include exchange controls and tax rises, the sources said.


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WALL STREET

# Early setback for Dow

**New York (Reuter)** – The Dow Jones industrial average dropped by 12 points to 2,490.02 in early trading.

The market fell from the opening bell after the news of a 2.9 per cent increase in the durable goods orders for April. A rise of only 0.7 per cent had been expected. The news raised concern about possible inflationary pressures ahead, analysts said. Declining shares outnumbered rising ones by about two to one.

Analysts explained that profit-taking had been expected and that the durable goods news encouraged it.

● **Troy, Michigan** – The K-mart Corporation hopes to achieve a 7 per cent increase in sales for 1989, but Mr Joseph Antonini, the chairman, said the company is seeing a softening in US retail sales.

| | May 22 | May 19 |
|---|---|---|
| AMR Cp | 63% | 64% |
| ASA | 39% | 40% |
| Aetna Life | 53% | 53% |
| Allied Signal | 34% | 34% |
| Alcoa | 67 | 67% |
| Amax Inc | 26% | 26% |
| AMR Hess | 38% | 39% |
| Am Brands | 69% | 69% |
| Am Cynmd | 56% | 56% |
| Am Ele Pwr | 28 | 27% |
| Amexs | 34% | 33% |
| Am Family | 16 | 17 |
| Am Home | 95% | 95% |
| Am Int Grp | 84% | 83% |
| Am Telph | 35% | 35% |
| Amoco | 44% | 43% |
| Anheuser B | 41% | 41% |
| Arch Dan | 28% | 28% |
| Armco Steel | 11 | 11% |
| Asarco Inc | 28% | 28% |
| Ashland Oil | 41% | 40% |
| Atl Richfld | 92% | 90% |
| Avon Prod | 34% | 32% |
| Bk Boston | 25% | 25% |
| Bank NY | 46 | 44% |
| Bankamer | 27 | 26% |
| Bkrs Tst NY | 47% | 46% |
| Baxter | 21 | 21 |
| Beth Steel | 24 | 24% |
| Boeing | 80 | 80% |
| Boise Casc | 45% | 45% |
| Borden | 65% | 65% |
| Brist Meyr | 50% | 50% |
| BP | 56% | 56% |
| Broad Inc | 9% | 8% |
| Brunswick | 19% | 20% |
| Burl Nth | 24% | 24% |
| CBS | 197% | 194% |
| CMS Engy | 28% | 29% |
| CPC Int | 60 | 60% |
| CSX Cp | 38% | 32% |
| Camp Soup | 44% | 43% |
| Can Pacific | 18% | 18% |
| Caterpillar | 63% | 64% |
| Centrl SW | 33% | 33% |
| Champion | 34% | 34% |
| Chase Man | 35% | 35% |
| Chem Bank | 35% | 35% |
| Chevron | 54% | 54% |
| Chrysler | 24% | 24% |
| Citicorp | 32% | 31% |
| Clark Eq | 36% | 39% |
| Coca Cola | 59% | 59% |
| Colgate | 52% | 52% |
| Columb Gas | 41% | 41% |
| Cmb'tn Eng | 31% | 30% |
| Cmwlth Ed | 36% | 36% |
| Cons Eds | 49% | 49% |
| Consol Ng | 44 | 44% |
| Cont Data | 20% | 20% |
| Corng Inc | 35% | 36% |
| Crane | 26% | 28% |
| Curtiss W | 58% | 59 |
| Data Genl | 18% | 18% |
| Deere Co | 58% | 57% |
| Delta Air | 70% | 70% |
| Detroit Ed | 19% | 20 |
| Digital Eq | 95% | 96% |
| Disney | 95% | 93% |
| Dow Chem | 96 | 96% |
| Dresser Ind | 38% | 38% |
| Dupont | 112% | 112% |
| Duke Pwr | 48% | 48% |
| East Kodak | 44 | 44% |
| Eaton Cp | 61% | 61% |
| Emerson El | 36% | 35% |
| Entergy | 18% | n.a |
| Exxon | 44% | 43% |
| Farah Inc | 11 | 11% |

| | May 22 | May 19 |
|---|---|---|
| Fedders | 17 | 17% |
| Fst Chicago | 40% | 39% |
| Fst Int Bncp | 55% | 55% |
| Fst Penn C | 13% | 13% |
| FT Wachva | 45% | 44% |
| Ford Motor | 49% | 50 |
| GAF Cp | n.a | n.a |
| GTE Cp | 53% | 53% |
| Gen Cp | 18% | 18% |
| Gn Dynam | 57% | 57% |
| Gen Electric | 53% | 54 |
| Gen Inst | 31% | 31% |
| Gen Mills | 67% | 66% |
| Gen Motors | 42% | 42% |
| Gen Pub Ut | 37% | 36% |
| Genesco | 6% | 6% |
| Georgia Pac | 47% | 47% |
| Gillette | 39% | 40 |
| Goodrich | 56% | 56% |
| Goodyear | 55% | 54% |
| Grace Co | 33% | 33% |
| Grt Atl Pac | 57% | 56% |
| Greyhnd | 33% | 33% |
| Gruman | 21% | 21% |
| Gulf Westn | 54% | 54% |
| Heinz | 53% | 53 |
| Hercules | 50 | 49 |
| Hewlett Pk | 55% | 55% |
| Hilton | 81% | 77% |
| Honda | 29 | 28% |
| Honeywell | 78 | 76% |
| Houshld Int | n.a | n.a |
| ITT Cp | 58% | 57% |
| INCO | 30% | 30% |
| Ing Rand Wi | 42 | 42% |
| Inland Steel | 41% | 41% |
| IBM | 109% | 111% |
| Int Paper | 50% | 50% |
| Jhns & Jhns | 51% | 50% |
| K Mart | 39% | 39% |
| Kerr McGee | 45% | 46% |
| Kimbrly Clrk | 64% | 63% |
| Knght Rdr | 47% | 47 |
| Kraft | n.a | n.a |
| Kroger | 12% | 12% |
| LTV Cp | 2% | 2% |
| Litton | 79% | 80 |
| Lockheed | 47% | 47% |
| Lone Star | 29% | 29% |
| Man H'nver | 35% | 34% |
| Manville | 8 | 7% |
| Mapco | 34% | 34% |
| Marriott | 35% | 35 |
| Mt Marrieta | 46% | 46 |
| Masco Cp | 28% | 28% |
| Mcdonalds | 59% | 58% |
| McDonnell | 78% | 79 |
| Mead Cp | 38% | 39% |
| Merck | 71% | 72% |
| Minsta Mng | 74% | 74% |
| Mobil | 61% | 61% |
| Monsanto | 101% | 102 |
| Montedison | 14% | 15% |
| Morgan Jp | 39% | 38% |
| Motorola | 52% | 52% |
| NCR | 58% | 58 |
| NL Indstrs | 26% | 26% |
| Nat Med Ent | 31% | 31% |
| Nat Semi | 7% | 7% |
| Norfolk Sth | 36% | 35% |
| NW Bancrp | 39% | 38% |
| Occid Petl | 28% | 28% |
| Ogden Cp | 30% | 30% |
| Olin Cp | 52 | 52 |
| PPG Ind | 45% | 45% |
| Pac Enterp | 46 | 44% |
| Pac Gas El | 20 | 20 |
| Pan Am | 4% | 4% |
| Penney JC | 60 | 59 |

| | May 22 | May 19 |
|---|---|---|
| Pennzoil | 82% | 82% |
| Pepsico | 53% | 53% |
| Pfizer | 62 | 62% |
| Phelps Dod | 59% | 60% |
| Philip Mor | 136% | 135% |
| Philip Ptrl | 23% | 23% |
| Polaroid | 39% | 39 |
| Primerica | 21% | 21% |
| Proct Gble | 103% | 102% |
| Pub S E G | 26% | 26% |
| R Nabisco | n.a | n.a |
| Raytheon | 71% | 71% |
| Rynlds Met | 56% | 56% |
| Rockwell Int | 22% | 22% |
| Royal Dutch | 62 | 62% |
| Scecorp | 34% | 34% |
| S Fe Pac Cp | 22% | 22% |
| Sara Lee | 55 | 54% |
| Schlumb | 39 | 39% |
| Scott Paper | 45% | 45% |
| Seagram | 76% | 76 |
| Sears Roeb | 48 | 47% |
| Sec Pac | 44% | 44 |
| Shell Trans | 38 | 40 |
| Smith Beck | 60% | 60% |
| Sony Cp | 53% | 53% |
| SW Bell | 53 | 53% |
| Squibb | 80% | 80% |
| Sun Comp | 39% | 39% |
| TDK | 71 | 70 |
| TRW Inc | 45% | 45 |
| Teledyne | 363% | 360 |
| Tenneco | 54% | 55% |
| Texaco | 54% | 54% |
| Tex Eastn | 50% | 49% |
| Texas Inst | 43% | 44 |
| Tex Util | 31% | 30% |
| Textron | 27% | 27% |
| Travelers | 40% | 40% |
| UAL Cp | 127% | 127% |
| USG Cp | 5 | 5% |
| USX Cp | 34% | 34% |
| Unilever Plc | 36% | 37% |
| Un Carbide | 27% | 27% |
| Un Pac Cp | 71% | 71% |
| Unisys Cp | 25 | 25% |
| Unit Brand | 13% | 13% |
| Us West | 70% | 68% |
| Utd Tech | 51% | 51% |
| Unocal | 44% | 44% |
| Warn Lamb | 90% | 91 |
| Wells Far | 77% | 77% |
| Westg El | 63 | 62% |
| Weyerhsr | 29% | 30% |
| Whirlpool | 30% | 30 |
| Woolworth | 52% | 52% |
| Xerox Cp | 65% | 65% |
| Zenith | 19% | 19% |

**CANADIAN PRICES**

| | May 22 | May 19 |
|---|---|---|
| Agnico Eag | n.a | 8% |
| Alcan Alum | n.a | 29% |
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| Royl Trstco | n.a | 17% |
| Seagram | n.a | 90% |
| Shell Can | n.a | 43% |
| Stelco | n.a | 23% |
| Thmsn N 'A' | n.a | 29% |
| Varity Cp | n.a | 3.30 |
| WCE | n.a | 18 |
| Weston | n.a | 39 |

STOCK MARKET

# Shares fall again as fears on interest rates deepen

Share prices again fell sharply as pressure for another rise in interest rates grew more intense.

The pound was driven lower against the dollar and the mark despite heavy intervention by the Bank of England.

One of the main causes of its weakness was Mrs Thatcher's statement in the House of Commons that the Government's high interest rate policy would succeed in bringing down inflation.

Dealers took this as a signal that the Government was not planning to increase rates this week *and they continued to* sell sterling.

Mr Bill Martin, chief economist at Phillips & Drew, was not surprised at the pound's plight.

He said: "If you consider that we've got rampant pay inflation and a Government that lacks credibility on inflation, it seems obvious that people would be selling the pound."

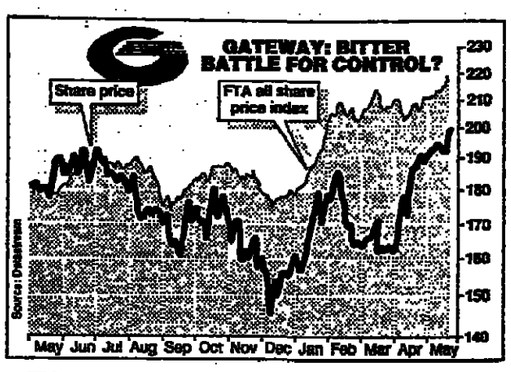
Mr Martin said that tomorrow could see a sterling crisis if the trade figures are worse than expected.

The FT-SE 100 index closed near its worst level with a fall of 17.4 points at 2,151.6 after a further bout of nervousness in late trading.

The FT index of 30 shares lost 16.2 points to 1,787.4 as turnover dipped to 557 million shares.

Government securities lost an early lead to close mixed, worried by the prospect of dearer money.

Dixons stood out against the trend with a rise of 9p to 148p after talk of a consortium bid was again revived. Almost 8.5 million shares were traded. This time brokers claim that Kingfisher has got together with Boots and Thorn EMI to launch a bid for the troubled stores group.




This year Mr Jack Dangoor, the computer designer and property developer, unsuccessfully attempted to put together a consortium after paying visits to a number of merchant banks. Mr Jacob Rothschild was also nibbling at the shares but has now pulled out.

But, despite the poor profits performance and dull prospects, anyone wanting to bid is going to have to pay at least £800 million.

It looks like Sir Ron Brierley's links with Ultramar have been severed. Yesterday he disposed of his entire 14.1 per cent holding, worth an estimated £120 million.

The 39.4 million shares were placed by Smith New Court, the broker, which has been an admirer of the stock, at 305p each. Dealers claimed that Smith had some difficulty in completing its task.

The move caught the market on the hop. Dealers had been hoping for some time that Sir Ron would make a full bid for Ultramar, which closed 2p dearer at 305½p.

But there will be no regrets at Smith New Court. It is the second big placing it has arranged this week. On Monday, it found a home for 33.5 million shares, worth £150 million, in Allied-Lyons which belonged to Mr Alan Bond, the Australian businessman, at 448p each.

**Beazer has raised a further £17 million with the sale of its remaining 14.5 per cent holding in the BM Group to Shearson Lehman Hutton. Shearson is an admirer of Beazer and has just published a buy circular, claiming that its low rating, excellent asset backing and earnings record make it good value in the long-term. Beazer finished 1½p cheaper at 197½p.**

Gateway, the supermarket chain, held steady at 200p with speculators still hoping for a higher offer from the Isosceles consortium headed by Mr David Smith. Isosceles is offering 195p a share, valuing Gateway at £1.73 billion. At the first closing date on Monday, Isosceles had received acceptances for 5 per cent of the shares and extended is offer until June 2.

Dealers are bracing themselves for a higher offer of about 210p. This is the sort of level that Isosceles will have to pitch in at to attract the likes of Mr Garry Weston's Associated British Foods.

Mr David Lang, a food analyst at Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, says the battle is now hotting up and shows every sign of turning into a protracted, hard-fought and even bitter battle. Gateway's shares are now trading above the offer price, which never happened when Barker & Dobson made its abortive bid.

In his latest *Consumer Brief*, he tells clients not to expect a knockout blow and the downside on a failure of the bid could be at least 35p a share. He advises clients to adopt tactical selling of some of their holdings at between the 195p and 200p level but says there is "no need to rush the main decision."

Christies International, the fine art auctioneer, fell 6p to 270p as bid hopes began to fade. It looks like Mr Michael Ashcroft's holding in the shares was purely a trading situation. His company, ADT, has decided to take a profit and has sold its holding.

Fisons rose 3p to 301p, helped by a bullish statement from Mr John Kerridge, the chairman, at the annual meeting. Dealers were pleased with the news that Tilade, the company's anti-asthma drug, is to be launched in Italy in July and that the American order book for scientific equipment is 40 per cent ahead of last year.

But clouds still hang over the share price. The launch of Tilade in America now looks like being delayed until the end of next year, while Fisons' established anti-asthma drug, Intal, sees its patent run out there next year. The company hopes to continue to dominate the market for the next four years while patents still exist on Intal's inhaling equipment.

**Michael Clark and Neil Bennett**

WORLD MARKETS

# HK prices rebound in heavy trading

**Hong Kong (AP-Dow Jones)** — Prices rebounded sharply in the most active trading since October, 1987. Brokers attributed the strong recovery to the belief that the student-led protest for democratic reforms in Peking will soon be settled peacefully. This belief was based on Hong Kong media reports of the latest developments and rumours in the Chinese capital.

The blue-chip Hang Seng index rose by 261.08 points to 3,067.65, after having plunged by 339 points on Monday. The broader All-Ordinaries index gained 156.29 points to 1,813.95, having fallen by 208.40 on Monday. Turnover was heavy, increasing to HK$3.67 billion (£298.5 million) from HK$2.99 billion.

All blue-chip issues made sharp gains. After opening higher, share prices jumped in the first 15 minutes, with the Hang Seng index rising 157.36 points. The market continued to rise until it gave back a small part of its early gains just before its close.

Brokers said the market's rebound in the morning came in response to reports that some Chinese troops had moved away from Peking. Mr Li Peng, China's Premier, called troops into Peking on Friday and declared martial law on Saturday in an attempt to put down more than a month of student-led protests.

Late in the morning, the market was boosted by talk that Mr Li Peng will soon step down and Mr Zhao Ziyang, a relatively liberal reformer, will take up the responsibility to open talks with the students.

● **Tokyo** — The key Nikkei index of 225 selected issues closed 251.25 points down at 33,816.61, falling below the 34,000 level for the first time in three trading days.

● **Frankfurt** — The DAX index climbed by 7.46 to 1,352.56. The market closed broadly higher in lively trading as it switched to a more positive view of the dollar's strength.

● **Singapore** — The *Straits Times* industrial index fell by 0.82 of a point to 1,291.92. Shares closed firm on a broad front.

● **Sydney** — The All Ordinaries index, the broadest market indicator, firmed to 1,582.7 from Monday's 1,577.6 after moving in a tight range.

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# Mayor can use casting vote politically

**Regina v Bradford City Council, Ex parte Corris**

Before Lord Justice May, Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Nourse

[Judgment May 23]

A person presiding at a meeting of a local authority was free, if he thought it right to do so, to exercise his second or casting vote in accordance with the policy of the political party or group of which he was a member.

The Court of Appeal so held, in dismissing an appeal from a decision of the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (unreported, but on similar facts to *R v Bradford City Council, Ex parte Wilson* (*The Times* December 23, 1988)), refusing an application by Frederick Edward Corris for judicial review of resolutions passed at a meeting of Bradford City Council on October 25, 1988 by use of the casting vote of its chairman, the lord mayor.

Mr Robin Allen and Mr Philip Engelman for the applicant; Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Miss Genevra Caws for the council.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that the word "casting" appeared to be derived from an archaic use of the word "cast" as meaning "to turn or tilt a scale or balance"; so that a "casting vote" was one decisive in tilting the scales one way or another.

The present case was solely concerned with the regime for the conduct of meetings established by Schedule 12 to the Local Government Act 1972, paragraph 39 of Part VI of which provided that all questions coming before a local authority should be decided by a majority of the members present and voting thereon; and that "in the case of an equality of votes, the person presiding at the meeting" should have "a second or casting vote". By reason of paragraph 4-(1), that applied equally in relation to any committee or sub-committee.

After September 16, 1988, when a Conservative won a by-election, that party held 45 of the 90 seats on the council and decided to introduce policies opposed by Labour (43 seats) and the SLD (two seats); and on October 25, the Conservative lord mayor, Mr Midgeley, after a 45-45 vote on a resolution to increase the rents paid by council tenants, had exercised his statutory casting vote in favour of it.

Counsel for the applicant contended that in so doing Mr Midgeley was in breach of his duty, as lord mayor and chairman, to act with "impartiality"; and sought in a written submission to explain what that meant, as follows:

"Impartiality is the goal to be aimed at. It means fairness and not favouring either side ... recognizing the principle that decisions should be taken by a true majority. The degree to which this can be achieved depends on the nature of the resolution.

"(I) If further discussion is possible the fair course is to vote for this ...

"(II) If a decision must go one way if the council is to act lawfully, there is no choice. . .

"(III) If there is no point or possibility of further discussion the vote should be for the *status quo* [as] the only principle that may be appealed to without fear of criticism."

His Lordship remained unpersuaded of the soundness of such "impartiality" as a guiding principle: it seemed to him that a person presiding at a meeting was fully entitled to use the casting vote, which had first been introduced into local government by section 69 of the Municipal Corporations Act 1835, as he thought fit — subject only to a clear duty to do so honestly and in accordance with what he believed to be the best interests of those affected by it.

The matter had been dealt with in a number of textbooks, passages in which Lord Justice Bingham had examined in *R v Bradford City Council, Ex parte Wilson* — commenting that while they might give grounds for doubting whether Mr Midgeley was well advised to act as he did, they gave no support the construction of the Act urged by counsel for the applicant, nor did they suggest there was a rule of practice so clear or well-established that Mr Midgeley could not defy it without his conduct being stigmatised as irrational.

His Lordship would agree with those comments.

A second issue was whether, by virtue of a series of agreements in Bradford as to the rotation of the office of lord mayor between the political parties, Mr Midgeley had been bound by convention always to act above party politics.

His Lordship would draw a distinction between the different functions of a lord mayor and a chairman. On ceremonial occasions, or when deciding as chairman which speakers to call upon, he would undoubtedly eschew party politics.

But that was very different from fettering his political function, and there was nothing in any of the statutes or authorities to which the court had been referred which could indicate that as a matter of law a lord mayor or chairman should not cast his votes in favour of resolutions favoured by his own party.

A third point had been taken on the applicant's behalf: that Mr Midgeley was restricted in the manner in which he exercised his casting vote because at the time of his election one of the SLD concillors had indicated support for him only on the understanding "that he would not act politically".

As to that, Mr Midgeley had sworn on affidavit to the effect that while he recalled those remarks, he had not responded to them, nor had he at any time given that councillor or anyone else any undertaking as to how he would exercise his vote, or casting vote.

On the state of the evidence his Lordship found it quite impossible to infer the existence of any duty, undertaking, or estoppel which would restrict or fetter the way in which Mr Midgeley would use his second vote, if the general law imposed no such fetter on him. The application was therefore refused.

Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice May agreed.

Leave to appeal to the House of Lords was refused.

Solicitors: Ms Isabel Manley and Ms Helen Carr, Bradford; Mr A. R. Sykes, Bradford.

# Declarations granted without argument

**Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Bagga and Others**

Before Lord Justice Woolf and Mr Justice Ian Kennedy

[Judgment May 22]

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court, considering itself bound by authority, granted six applications for judicial review without hearing argument because the Home Secretary's submission that such authority was wrong would be more sensibly addressed to the Court of Appeal.

The applications were made by Kewal Krishnan Bagga, Rakesh Bist, Anil Bist, Chandrakalah Rasiah, Vasudevan Rasiah and Sushila Kakkar, for judicial review of decisions by immigration officers that they were not entitled to unconditional leave to remain (or, in the case of the first applicant, to enter) the United Kingdom.

Section 8(3) of the Immigration Act 1971, as amended by section 39(4) of, and Schedule 4 to the British Nationality Act 1981, provides:

"The provisions of this Act relating to those who are not British citizens shall not apply to any person so long as he is a member of a mission (within the meaning of the Diplomatic Privileges Act 1964), a person who is a member of the family and forms part of the household of such a member, or a person otherwise entitled to the like immunity from jurisdiction as is conferred by that Act on a diplomatic agent."

The common issue was whether a person entering the United Kingdom became "a member of a mission", for the purposes of that subsection, from the moment of entry (as contended by the home secretary), or from the moment his appointment was notified to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (as contended by the applicants).

Mr Nicholas Blake for Mr Bagga; Mr Owen Davies for the other applicants; Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Paul Stinchcombe for the Home Secretary.

LORD JUSTICE WOOLF said that although there was no direct authority dealing with section 8(3), as amended, there had been a whole series of authorities in which a parallel issue had been considered.

Those were: *R v Governor of Pentonville Prison, Ex parte Teja* ([1971] 2 QB 274; *R v Lambeth Justices, Ex parte Yusufu* ([1985] Crim LR 510); *Florentine v Secretary of State for the Home Department* ([1987] Imm AR 1); *Olaleye v Secretary of State for the Home Department* ([1987] Imm AR 51); *Rahi v Secretary of State for the Home Department* ([1987] Imm AR 293); *R v Immigration Appeal; Tribunal, Ex parte Mahmoud Mahommed Ali* (unreported, October 17, 1988) and *R v Governor of Pentonville Prison, Ex parte Osman (No 2)* (*The Times* December 24, 1988).

Since his Lordship regarded that series as binding on the Divisional Court, counsel for the Home Secretary had very properly agreed that his attack on the reasoning in that series should be saved for the Court of Appeal, whither the present cases were clearly destined.

Declarations would accordingly be drawn up in favour of each applicant, not to be issued pending the decisions of the Court of Appeal, together with an order of *certiorari* to quash the immigration officer's decision in the case of the first applicant.

Mr Justice Ian Kennedy agreed.

Solicitors: W. P. Duckney, Southall; Seifert Sedley Williams; Treasury Solicitor.


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A feature of the year's performance was the strength of our property operations, especially in the UK. We have assembled a substantial and valuable portfolio of quality properties and in 1988 we added significantly to this.

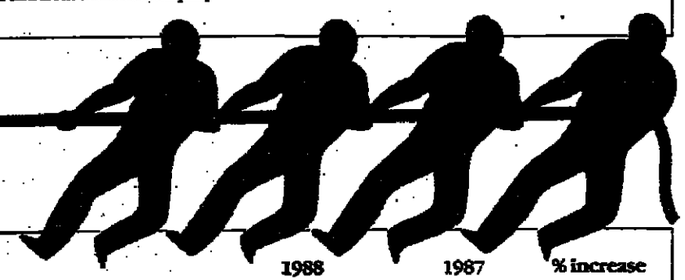
Our contracting operations achieved increased UK profits but these were undermined by losses from two overseas contracts and from a related company in New Zealand. Good progress is being achieved on the construction of the service tunnels at the Channel Tunnel.

Important new construction awards, coupled with our success in turning round the fortunes of some of our formerly unprofitable companies give me confidence for the future progress of this vital part of our business.

Our housing operations had a very good year and profits increased by 67% overall. The UK provided us with a strong market where we were very active in the USA and also in Canada. Our expanding operations in Spain and Australia indicate good prospects in these important markets.

I am optimistic for the future of your company. We consider the UK's economy to be soundly based and there are many opportunities for Taylor Woodrow's future growth.

Thanks are due to our team members and all others connected with our business.



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| Profit before tax | £103.3m | £73.1m | 41% |
| Earnings per share | 41.7p | 30.5p | 37% |
| Dividends per share | 15.0p | 10.5p | 43% |
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| Do Acc | 127.8 | 135.6 | +0.6 | 0.60 |
| **BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD** 117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL Tel: 01-480 7216 | | | | |
| Sht Gt Fxd Int | 52.98 | 53.75 | +0.02 | 2.94 |
| **CANNON FUND MANAGERS** 1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB Tel: 01-902 8876 | | | | |
| Growth | 38.70 | 41.39e | .. | 2.48 |
| Income | 48.60 | 51.68e | .. | 4.00 |
| Far East | 37.75 | 40.16e | .. | 0.05 |
| Nth Amer | 35.80 | 38.15e | .. | 1.99 |
| Global | 53.15 | 56.54 | .. | 1.74 |
| European | 50.17 | 53.37 | .. | 1.01 |
| Japan | 105.4 | 112.1 | .. | 0.01 |
| Strategic Opp | 55.89 | 59.76e | .. | 1.25 |
| Do Acc | 52.73 | 56.10e | +0.50 | 4.98 |
| Intl Currency | 42.13 | 44.73e | .. | 6.71 |

**Due to agency problems, prices in this section refer to Monday's trading**

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

## UNLISTED SECURITIES

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

## THIRD MARKET

## INVESTMENT TRUSTS

## FOREIGN EXCHANGES

**Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 93.3 (day's range 93.3-93.7).**

### STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

**Market rates for May 23**

| | Range | Close | 1 month | 3 month |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Yrk | 1.5665-1.5855 | 1.5665-1.5675 | 0.44-0.41pr | 1.42-1.37pr |
| Montrl | 1.8751-1.8994 | 1.8751-1.8788 | 0.07-0.04pr | 0.23-0.08pr |
| Amstrdm | 3.5442-3.5781 | 3.5442-3.5480 | 1⅛-1⅛pr | 5-4⅞pr |
| Brussels | 65.71-66.54 | 65.71-65.91 | 26-23pr | 97-87pr |
| Copnhgn | 12.2375-12.3559 | 12.2375-12.2492 | 4⅞-3⅞pr | 11⅞-10⅞pr |
| Dublin | 1.1827-1.1905 | 1.1841-1.1851 | 51-44pr | 129-115pr |
| Frankft | 3.1447-3.1745 | 3.1449-3.1485 | 1⅛-1⅛pr | 4⅞-4⅞pr |
| Lisbon | 258.32-262.39 | 258.32-259.26 | 22-72ds | 68-198ds |
| Madrid | 195.19-198.38 | 195.19-195.62 | 1-12ds | 11-30ds |
| Milan | 2276.52-2301.21 | 2276.52-2279.54 | 2pr-1ds | 6-4pr |
| Oslo | 11.3070-11.4100 | 11.3070-11.3221 | 2⅞-1⅞pr | 6⅞-5⅞pr |
| Paris | 10.6350-10.7513 | 10.6350-10.6496 | 4-3⅞pr | 11⅞-10⅞pr |
| Stckhlm | 10.5582-10.6756 | 10.5582-10.5681 | 1⅞-1pr | 5⅞-4⅞pr |
| Tokyo | 222.14-224.37 | 222.14-222.44 | 1⅞-1⅞pr | 4⅞-4⅞pr |
| Vienna | 22.08-22.34 | 22.08-22.11 | 10⅞-8⅞pr | 32⅞-30⅞pr |
| Zurich | 2.7943-2.8261 | 2.7943-2.7977 | 1⅞-1⅞pr | 3⅞-3⅞pr |

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

### OTHER STERLING RATES

| | |
|---|---|
| Argentina austral* | 300.04-300.39 |
| Australia dollar | 2.1054-2.1096 |
| Bahrain dinar | 0.594-0.602 |
| Brazil cruzado* | 1.7696-1.7787 |
| Cyprus pound | 0.8030-0.8130 |
| Finland marka | 7.0315-7.0865 |
| Greece drachma | 268.40-271.80 |
| Hong Kong dollar | 12.278-12.290 |
| India rupee | 25.58-25.88 |
| Kuwait dinar KD | 0.4680-0.4740 |
| Malaysia ringgit | 4.2425-4.2469 |
| Mexico peso | 3815-3915 |
| New Zealand dollar | 2.6346-2.6452 |
| Saudi Arabia riyal | 5.9040-5.9060 |
| Singapore dollar | 3.0647-3.0683 |
| S Africa rand (fin) | 6.4426-6.5816 |
| S Africa rand (com) | 4.3657-4.3733 |
| U A E dirham | 5.78-5.86 |

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank GTS

### DOLLAR SPOT RATES

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ireland | 1.3340-1.3355 | Denmark | 7.8000-7.8050 | Italy | 1451.0-1452.0 |
| Singapore | 1.9530-1.9540 | W Germany | 2.0025-2.0035 | Belgium (Com) | 41.91-41.95 |
| Malaysia | 2.6860-2.6870 | Switzerland | 1.7807-1.7817 | Hong Kong | 7.7795-7.7755 |
| Australia | 1.3315-1.3333 | Netherlands | 2.2575-2.2585 | Portugal | 164.90-165.20 |
| Canada | 1.1970-1.1980 | France | 6.7840-6.7890 | Spain | 124.70-124.80 |
| Sweden | 6.7260-6.7310 | Japan | 141.50-141.60 | Austria | 14.06-14.07 |
| Norway | 7.2060-7.2110 | | | | |

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank GTS and Extel.

## MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 13 Finance Hse 13½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 12 Low 8 Week fixed: 12%
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 12⅛ 3 mth – 12²⁵⁄₃₂
Selling: 2 mth – 12⅛ 3 mth – 12¹⁹⁄₃₂
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 12¹¹⁄₁₆-⁹⁄₁₆ 2 mth: 12²⁵⁄₃₂-12⅝ 3 mth: 12¹³⁄₁₆-12⅝ 6 mth 12⁵⁄₁₆-½
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 13³⁄₁₆ 2 mth: 13¹⁄₃₂ 3 mth: 13⁷⁄₁₆ 6 mth 13⁵⁄₁₆
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 12 close 11¾
1 week: 12¾-12⅝ 1 mth: 12⅞-12¾ 3 mth: 13⅛-13⅜
6 mth: 13⅛-13⅛ 9 mth: 13³⁄₁₆-¹⁄₁₆ 12 mth: 13⁵⁄₁₆-³⁄₁₆
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 12 7 day: 12⅛ 1 mth: 12¹¹⁄₁₆
3 mth: 13¹⁄₁₆ 6 mth: 13⅛ 12 mth: 13⅛
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 12⅞-12⅝
3 mth: 13⅛-13 6 mth: 13³⁄₁₆-¹⁄₁₆ 12 mth 13-12⅞
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 9.50-9.45
3 mth: 9.35-9.30 6 mth: 9.35-9.30 12 mth 9.30-9.25
Building Society CDs (%)
1 mth: 12⅞-12⅝ 2 mth: 13¹⁄₁₆-12⅞ 3 mth: 13³⁄₁₆-¹⁄₁₆
6 mth: 13⁵⁄₁₆-¹⁄₁₆ 9 mth: 13³⁄₁₆-¹⁄₁₆ 12 mth: 13³⁄₁₆-¹⁄₁₆

### ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: April 28, 1989. Agreed rates May 24, 1989 to June 25, 1989. Scheme I: 13.96 per cent. Schemes II & III: 14.43 per cent. Reference rate April 1, 1989 to April 28, 1989. Scheme IV & V: 13.209 per cent.

### EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

| Currency | 7 day | 1 mth | 3 mth | 6 mth |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dollar: | 9⅞-9⅞ | 9⅞-9⅞ | 9⅞-9⅞ | 9⅞-9⅞ |
| Call: 9⅞-8⅞ | | | | |
| Deutschemark: | 6⁷⁄₁₆-6⁵⁄₁₆ | 6¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆ | 7⅛-7 | 7⁷⁄₁₆-7⁵⁄₁₆ |
| Call: 6-5 | | | | |
| French Franc: | 8⅞-8⅞ | 8¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆ | 9-8⅞ | 9¹⁄₁₆-8¹⁵⁄₁₆ |
| Call: 8⅞-7⅞ | | | | |
| Swiss Franc: | 7⅞-7⅞ | 7¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆ | 7⅞-7⅞ | 7⅞-7⅞ |
| Call: 6⅞-5⅞ | | | | |
| Yen: | 5⅞-5⅞ | 5⁹⁄₁₆-5⁷⁄₁₆ | 5⁹⁄₁₆-5⁷⁄₁₆ | 5⅞-5⅞ |
| Call: 4⅞-3⅞ | | | | |

### GOLD

**BULLION:**
Open: $363.00-363.50 Close: $364.25-364.75
High: $365.00-365.50 Low: $362.75-363.25

**COINS:** **Per coin (Ex VAT)**
Britannia: $375.00-380.00 (£237.50-240.50)
Krugerrand: $363.00-366.00 (£230.00-232.00)
Mapleleaf (1/1oz): $375.00-380.00 (£237.50-240.50)
American Eagles: $375.00-380.00 (£237.50-240.50)
New Sovereigns: $85.75-86.75 (£54.25-55.00)
Old Sovereigns: $85.75-86.75 (£54.25-55.00)
Platinum: $497.50 (£314.85)
Palladium: $149.90 (£94.85)
Silver: $5.25-5.27 (£3.330-3.345)

## LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

| | Open | High | Low | Close | Vol |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **FT-SE 100** | | | Previous open interest 22050 | | |
| Jun 89 | 217.90 | 217.90 | 216.30 | 216.60 | 4113 |
| Sep 89 | 221.30 | 221.30 | 221.00 | 221.00 | 9 |
| **Three Month Sterling** | | | Previous open interest 82949 | | |
| Jun 89 | 86.69 | 86.72 | 86.50 | 86.53 | 14540 |
| Sep 89 | 86.88 | 86.93 | 86.69 | 86.73 | 38342 |
| **Three Month Eurodollar** | | | Previous open interest 86435 | | |
| Jun 89 | 90.75 | 90.77 | 90.62 | 90.65 | 2768 |
| Sep 89 | 91.13 | 91.13 | 90.89 | 90.95 | 10630 |
| **Three Month Euro DM** | | | Previous open interest 13861 | | |
| Jun 89 | 92.78 | 92.80 | 92.70 | 92.77 | 2445 |
| Sep 89 | 92.69 | 92.70 | 92.60 | 92.65 | 2232 |
| **US Treasury Bond** | | | Previous open interest 10980 | | |
| Jun 89 | 93-23 | 93-23 | 92-20 | 92-26 | 10422 |
| Sep 89 | 93-11 | 93-11 | 92-18 | 92-21 | 187 |
| **Long Gilt** | | | Previous open interest 27158 | | |
| Jun 89 | 94-24 | 94-28 | 94-06 | 94-07 | 18821 |
| Sep 89 | 95-19 | 95-23 | 95-11 | 95-08 | 1468 |
| **Japanese Govt Bond** | | | Previous open interest 1051 | | |
| Jun 89 | 103.70 | 103.86 | 103.65 | 103.79 | 43 |
| Sep 89 | 102.85 | 102.87 | 102.69 | 102.79 | 447 |
| **German Govt Bond** | | | Previous open interest 45363 | | |
| Jun 89 | 92.82 | 93.11 | 92.75 | 93.07 | 19266 |
| Sep 89 | 92.48 | 92.72 | 92.39 | 92.70 | 4359 |

## COMMODITIES

**ICIS-LOR Group**

Crude prices rose slowly during the day in response to constructive comments from the Kuwaiti oil minister and technical factors on Nymex. Product prices were mixed in a quiet market which declined to follow crude price gains.

| CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB) | | |
|---|---|---|
| Brent Phys | 17.60 | +30 |
| 15 day Jun | 17.60 | +30 |
| 15 day Jul | 17.05 | +35 |
| WTI Jul | 19.10 | +70 |
| WTI Aug | 18.25 | +50 |

**PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT.**
Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Prem Gas .15 | -5 | 240-242 | -5 |
| Gasoil EEC | +1 | 147-148 | +1 |
| Non 1H Jun | | 142-143 | |
| Non 1H Jul | | 138-139 | |
| 3.5 Fuel Oil | | 83-85 | |
| Naphtha | +2 | 180-182 | +2 |

**IPE FUTURES**

GAS OIL G W Joynson
Jun 140.75-40.50
Jul 139.00-38.50
Aug 139.00-38.75
Sep 139.75-39.25
Oct 141.50-41.00
Nov 142.25-41.50
Dec 143.00-42.00
Vol 6119

BRENT G W Joynson
Jul 1717-1716
Aug 1678-1672
Vol 4941

**BIFFEX**
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)
My 89 Hi 1695-1675 Low Close 1678
Jun 89 Hi 1519-1501 Low Close 1511
Jul 89 Hi 1412-1388 Low Close 1402
Oct 89 Hi 1500-1480 Low Close 1480
Vol 399 lots Open interest 5135
Dry cargo index 1722 –6 on 22/5/89

**LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)**

| Mth | Open | Close |
|---|---|---|
| Nov | 98.0 | 96.5 |
| Feb | 108.5 | 108.0 |
| Apr | 177.0 | 177.4 |
| May | 190.8 | 190.4 |
| | | Vol 342 |

**LONDON FOX**

COCOA G W Joynson
May 751-749 Mar 819-817
Jul 783-782 May 819-817
Sep 778-777 Jul 829-828
Dec 823-822 Vol 5799

COFFEE G W Joynson
May 1187-1185 Jan 1135-1132
Jul 1195-1191 Mar 1141-1125
Sep 1165-1164 May 1141-1125
Nov 1045-1044 Vol 5972

SUGAR C Czarnikow
FOB Vol: 3596
Aug 257.8-58.2 Mar 247.4-47.8
Oct 255.4-55.8 May 246.6-46.8
Dec 250.0-54.8 Aug 245.6-46.5

**LONDON GRAIN FUTURES**
WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 270
My 113.75 Jn 114.00 Sp 104.45
Nv 106.60 Ja 109.60 Mr 112.60
BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 65
My 109.25 Sp 102.85 Nv 105.60
Ja 108.50 Mr 111.35 My 112.85
SOYABEAN
Jun 150.0-51.0 Dec 145.6-48.0
Aug 146.5-47.5 Feb 147.5-49.0
Oct 145.5-46.5
Vol 265

**LONDON METAL EXCHANGE**
Official prices/volume previous day
Rudolf Wolf

| (£/tonne) | Cash | 3 month | Vol | Tone |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Copper Gde A | 1611.0-1612.0 | 1623.0-1624.0 | 511900 | Easier |
| Lead | 406.00-408.50 | 395.00-395.50 | 37800 | Steady |
| Zinc Hi Gde* | 1600.0-1605.0 | 1553.0-1558.0 | 67000 | Steadier |
| Silver Large† | 515.00-517.00 | 521.00-523.00 | 1 | Quiet |
| Silver Small† | 515.00-517.00 | 521.00-523.00 | Nil | Quiet |
| Aluminium Hi* | 2075.0-2078.0 | 1985.0-1988.0 | 332250 | Easier |
| Nickel* | 12350-12400 | 12150-12180 | 8976 | Brly Stdy |

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

**LONDON MEAT FUTURES (£/kg)**
Live Pig Contract

| Mth | Open | Close |
|---|---|---|
| Jun | 110.2 | 109.5 |
| Aug | 106.5 | 106.5 |
| Oct | 111.5 | 111.5 |
| Feb | unq. | 106.0 |

Live Cattle Contract

| Mth | Open | Close |
|---|---|---|
| Jun | unq. | unq. |
| Aug | unq. | unq. |

Vol Pig-88 Cattle-0

**MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION**
Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on May 23

| (/kg lw) | Pig | Sheep | Cattle |
|---|---|---|---|
| GB (p) | 86.62 | 244.15 | 119.26 |
| GB (+/–) | –1.0 | –23.98 | +0.36 |
| Eng/Wal (%) | +19.8 | +33.7 | +9.5 |
| Eng/Wal (p) | 85.50 | 243.67 | 118.65 |
| Eng/Wal (+/–) | –1.03 | –25.21 | +0.10 |
| Scotland (%) | +3.6 | +64.2 | +1.9 |
| Scotland (p) | 90.79 | 250.62 | 123.46 |
| Scotland (+/–) | +0.96 | –5.17 | +2.29 |

* Estimated dead carcase weight

THE TIMES
Portfolio Bond

YOUR SCORE CHART

ENTER THE MOVEMENTS OF THE SIX SHARES ON YOUR BOND CERTIFICATE (IGNORING FRACTIONS) IN THE BOXES BELOW AND TOTAL THEM TO FIND YOUR DAILY DIVIDEND FIGURE

BOND 1 BOND 2 BOND 3

Totals

NOTE
● For easy reference, Portfolio Bond stocks are in BOLD CAPITALS.
● No fractions: –3¼ = –3, +½ = 0, –½ = 0.

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TO CLAIM, FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON YOUR CARD

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TH452764 YM681132

**£100**
FZ603483 GA358912 HM404785 LG987003
LQ808406 ZX209934

**£50**
AG687985 DQ529023 DT287160 DX953974
EU946676 FB223314 FP278626 FX630445
HT345085 LZ876631 NZ302931 PE916437
XB186974 YE211928 YK219804

**£25**
AV463188 BT498799 DU906411 EK464899
FA739755 LT708076 LV124998 NF940032
PD655931 PF280463 PK364557 QM216756
QR486599 RV115257 TG412628 UT999008
VJ143833 WF818653 XA166210 XX330339

**£10**
AX450251 BA198810 BP603437 GF334381
JK270631 JR715418 KB450840 QJ555291
RN279171 RP667019 RR147425 SJ397795
SO313589 UB894489 UG299060 UV625208
WS350845 WX111539 XP926530 ZR729343

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

# Losses extended

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began on May 22. Dealings end June 2. §Contango day June 5. Settlement day June 12. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

**Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/ earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (as) denotes Alpha Stocks.**
**(VOLUMES: PAGE 26).**

Portfolio Bond

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**FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS**

**OVER FIFTEEN YEARS**

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## TEXTILES

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# COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

By Christopher Warman
*Property Correspondent*

# New town builds on an Abbey habit

**Abbey National's plan to spend £40 million at Milton Keynes will give an extra push to the town's progress**

Abbey National's plans to develop a £40 million office complex to expand its headquarters in Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, brings added momentum to the progress of this successful new town. The building society has bought a 22-acre site at Shenley Wood from the Milton Keynes Development Corporation. The site has planning permission for 450,000 sq ft of office and computer centre space. Work on the first phase of 200,000 sq ft is planned to start this summer and completion is due in early 1991.

For Bob Fisher, Abbey National's premises manager, the deal reinforces the logic of the society's relocation to Milton Keynes four years ago. "Our business has expanded rapidly since then and the acquistion of a large site will help to contribute to our future business success," he says.

*Bob Hill, the corporation's commercial director, says it is an important move in opening up the west flank of the city for commercial development, and it also highlights the opportunities available for further business expansion in Milton Keynes.*

The next challenge for Britain's fastest-growing urban area was outlined by Hill last week during a briefing to property developers, funders and agents. The corporation's aim is to sell off its remaining assets by 1992 – described by Hill as a "huge but achievable task". Hill said that, if achieved, it could raise the additional private sector investment there to £2.9 billion during the next five years, at least double the investment level previously projected. This strategy would create up to 55,000 new jobs and 30,000 new homes.

"Now that the Government has committed itself to funding the infrastructure works needed to open up these areas for development, the corporation's intention is to complete or contractually commit all the remaining development tasks by 1992," he says.

The two main areas remaining for commercial development are in the east and west flanks. Work has already started in the east flank, where the Carroll Group is to develop a 25-acre business park complex, and now the Abbey National scheme is doubling its occupancy in Milton Keynes at Shenley Wood in the west.

About 2,000 acres are earmarked for residential and mixed-use development in the next three years, almost three times the level of previous projections, while more than 1,300 acres will be provided for industrial and commercial building, which is nearly double the rate of earlier forecasts.

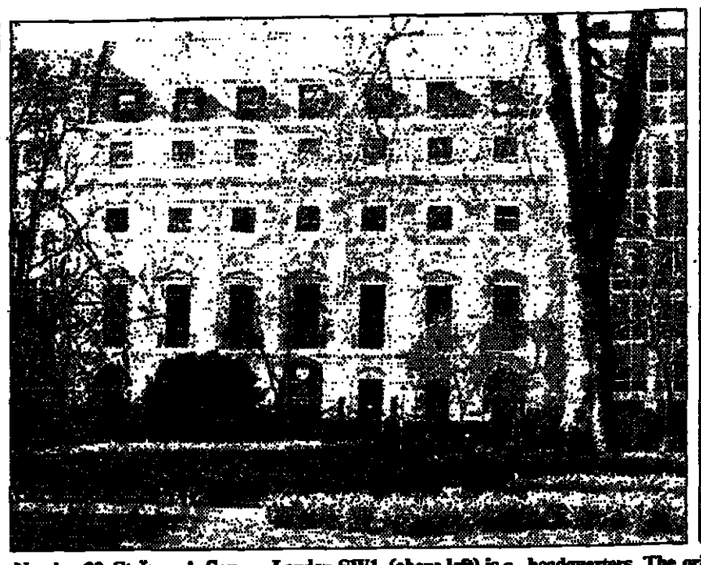
The city centre can accommodate about 2.7 million sq ft of office space – development of 1.5 million square feet is already under way – and more than 500,000 sq ft of retail space.

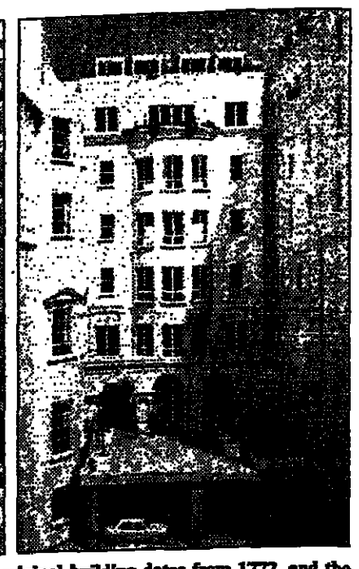
Statistics for the financial year to March 31, 1989, show that Milton Keynes had 23.5 billion sq ft of commercial floorspace – 18.1 billion sq ft of industrial space, 3.1 billion sq ft of offices and 2.4 billion sq ft of retail premises.

Private sector investment in Milton Keynes during 1988-89 was the highest ever at £294 million, and this gave a cumulative net investment by public and private sectors of £2.3 billion.

The corporation, which expects to be wound up in 1992, forecasts that Milton Keynes will eventually have more than 200,000 inhabitants and will be among Britain's 15 biggest cities.

By March this year, the population of the new town was 140,800, of whom 78,600 were in employment. This figure compares with a 40,000 population and an estimated 18,400 jobs in the early 1970s, when work began to provide for the overspill from London.





*Number 20, St James's Square, London SW1, (above left) is a mix of 18th-century Robert Adam design, a 1930s Adam replica and a new building at the rear (model right). Developed by Kumagai Gumi UK and London & Metropolitan, it has 70,000 sq ft of office space, the largest available in the area. And the rents are likely to be the most expensive, fetching well over £70 a sq ft. Gary Lees, of London & Metropolitan, says the building is "unique", and would make an ideal corporate headquarters. The original building dates from 1772, and the last family to live there was that of the Earl and Countess of Strathmore, parents of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. From the 1930s until 1987 it was owned by the Distillers' Company, which extended it, taking in the adjoining site at No 21 and continuing the frontage in a replica of the 18-century house. The Adams walled courtyard at the back of the building was destroyed in the 1930s and is now being carefully reinstated.*

# Squeeze on floor space

Industrial floorspace to buy or rent in England and Wales has fallen from 88.5 million sq ft to 73.2 million sq ft since April 1988, a drop of 17 per cent, says *King & Co, the property consultants*, in its latest survey.

The firm also says that the ripple effect on regional prosperity, so noticeable in the residential property market, has been in evidence in the industrial market over the past year. This is illustrated by the findings in the northern economic regions, which show the greatest reduction of available floorspace. King & Co says that the effects of continuing high interest rates are yet to be shown in the figures on available industrial space.

Despite the CBI Industrial Trend Survey's findings on the reduction in capacity constraints since 1988, which seem to indicate a slowing down of the market, there is no evidence of this affecting the buoyant letting markets across the country.

The survey registers a slight fall in the availability of hi-tech buildings from 3.1 million sq ft to 3 million sq ft. These are concentrated mainly in the south-east, but for the first time since the survey was started in 1975, hi-tech units are recorded as available in the north-west and Yorkshire/ Humberside.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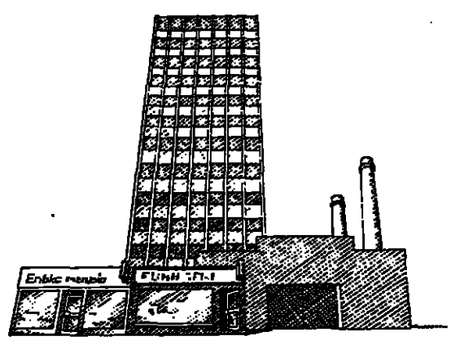

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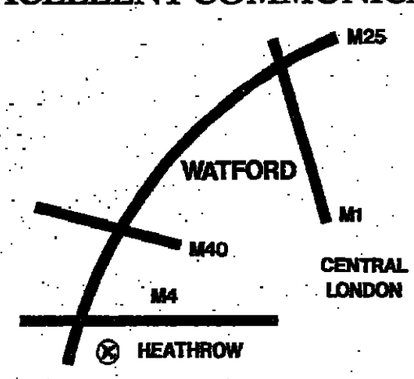


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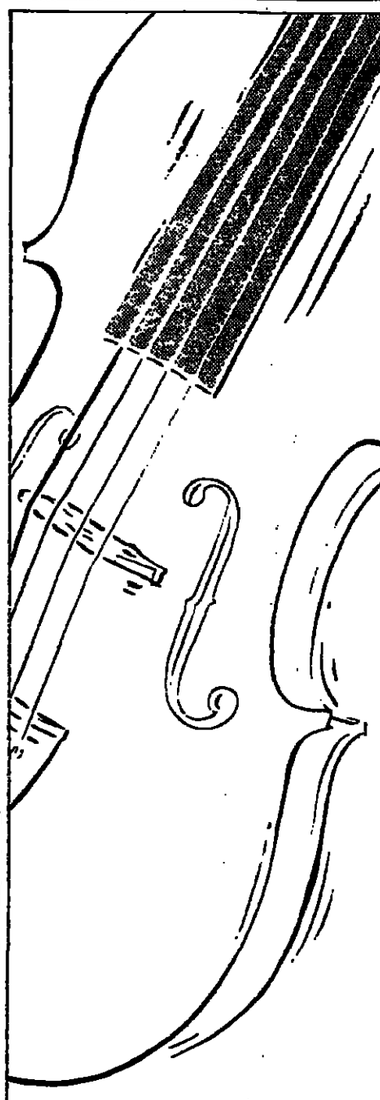

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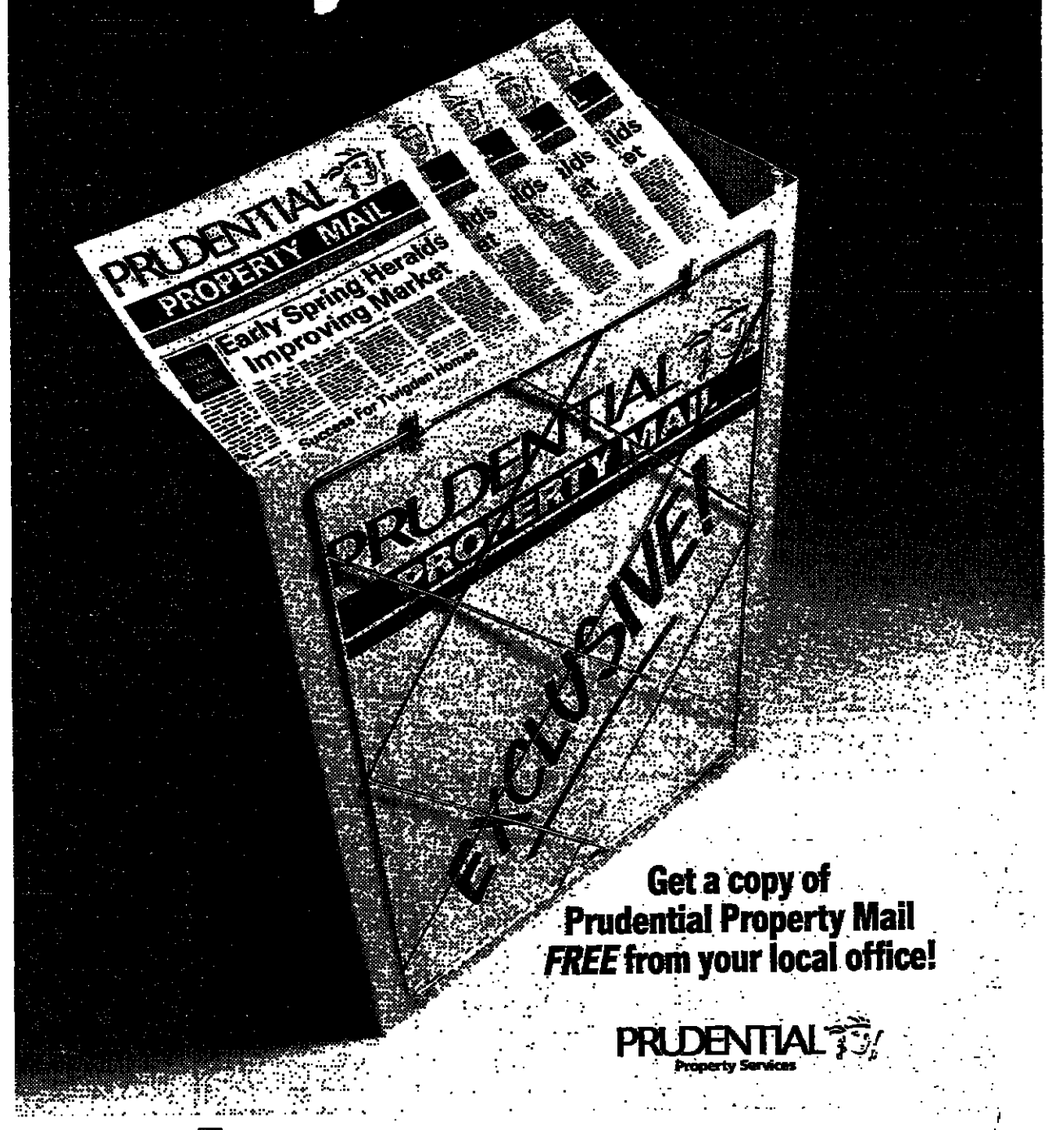


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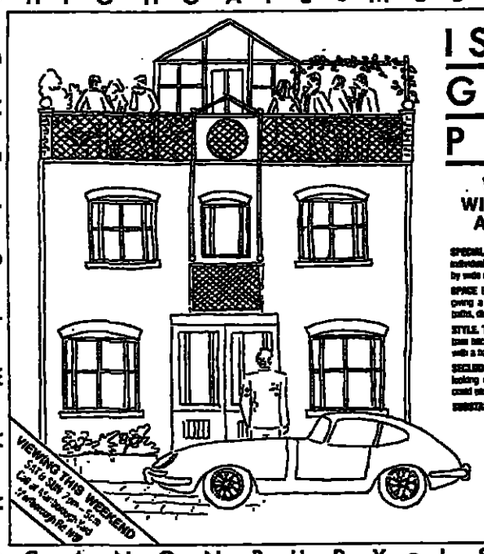


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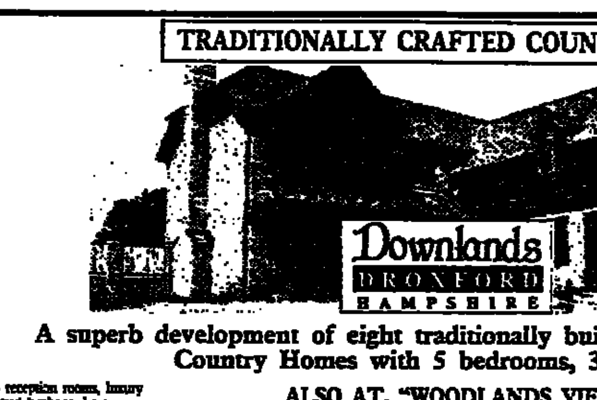

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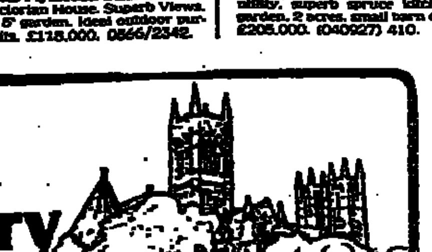

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# Retirement without tears

## New safeguards have been introduced to prevent that last dream home turning into a nightmare

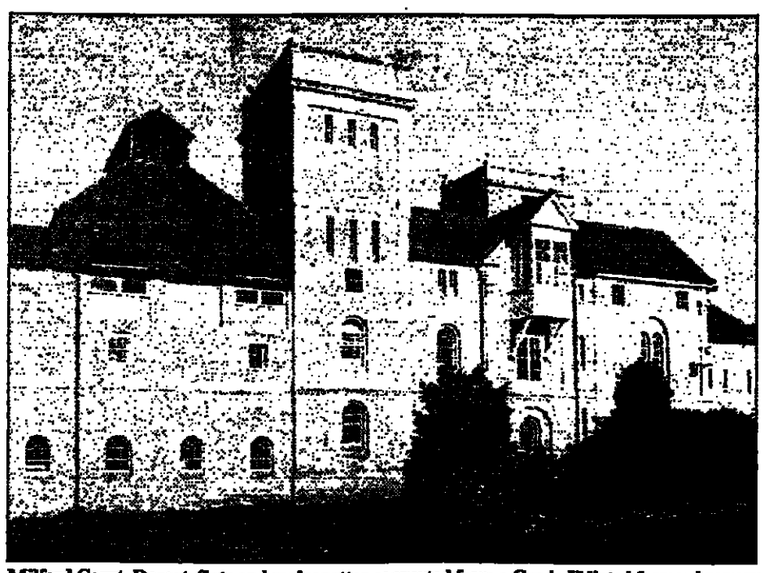
The market in retirement homes, the sector which provides homes – and their management – for the over-55s or 60s, is one in which the demand continues to outstrip supply. Builders and developers now build some 10,000 a year – not enough to satisfy the needs of the elderly.

The private retirement sector has seen a big expansion as people sell their houses and trade down to buy a purpose-built home with communal facilities and a resident warden. For many at present the difficulty is the slow housing market which means they cannot sell their own home.

In general, though, private sheltered housing, as it is also known, is booming, as a new book from the Consumers's Association acknowledges. *Approaching Retirement* sets out to explain the market and warns potential buyers to beware of private developments which masquerade as sheltered housing and do not provide adequate back-up facilities. It urges them to find out exactly what they are getting for their money and who manages the scheme.

They must find out, for example, exactly what the warden's duties are, how long he or she is on duty and who covers when they are off, how calls for help are dealt with and what the service charge covers.

These are vital matters which have led to misery for owners who have bought – and subsequently found that they could not afford the charges. This is an issue which both the developers and the Government have been considering, and the former – through the House Builders' Federation – is shortly to issue a new code of practice for members.



Milford Court, Dorset: flats and maisonettes converted from a Grade II listed former brewery

The new controls will come partly from the measures in the Consumer Protection Act, which has recently been implemented, and make it illegal to conceal information on service charges and other costs. To help builders meet this challenge, the Retirement Care Group has launched a new advice service. The group's Tony Rogers recognizes there has been criticism, both in government and from some of developers, that potential retirement home-buyers had misunderstood some costs they would incur.

Developers themselves are introducing measures to allay the fears of owners and help them to cope. McCarthy & Stone, the largest specialist retirement home firm, has issued a guarantee that for new purchases between April and August this year the service charge will not exceed the Government's single person pensioner index.

Anglia Secure Homes has introduced a range of home purchase plans – shared equity, part-exchange and life interest – all designed to ensure their buyers avoid financial worries. Peter Edmondson, chairman, acknowledges not only the need to help buyers in this way, but also to provide better accommodation. He sees a demand for larger apartments or cottages, and Anglia has responded by providing many more two-bedroom units.

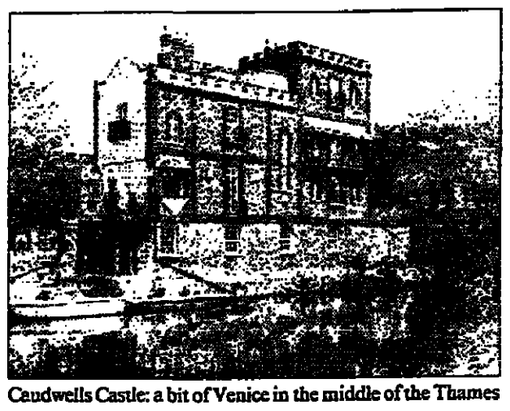
Its latest development, The Maltings at Brandon in Suffolk, is situated by the Little Ouse river and built around a courtyard, providing 17 one-bedroom and 25 two-bedroom flats. The scheme has been designed to blend in with the old market town of Brandon, and prices range from £53,500-£67,500. Details: Prudential (0842 812198).

Maltings, mills and breweries provide some imaginative schemes. Milford Court, on the fringe of the market town of Gillingham on the Dorset/Somerset border, is a scheme of flats and maisonettes converted from the former Wyke brewery, Grade II listed, and built in 1860. The age qualification here is 55, and the one, two and three-bedroom units cost £47,000-£55,000. Details: Humberts' Shaftesbury office.

Town Mill at Overton, Hampshire, is a mix of old and new – 19 apartments and cottages in the refurbished mill, and a further 15 apartments in a new building nearby, next to the River Test. The scheme has those essential requirements of a level development, close to the shops, with a doctor's surgery opposite, plus the old flint-walled church nearby, friendly pubs and delightful countryside. Prices range from £62,000 for a one-bedroom apartment to £103,000 for a two-bedroom cottage and £108,000 for a two-bedroom apartment with a balcony. Details: Prudential (0256 771455).

Town Mill is a development by Meridian Housing Association, now planning its first projects in the north of England. They include schemes at Steeton, near Keighley, Ripon, and Market Weighton, 20 miles from York, and Hull. Details: Meridian (0532 754722).

● Approaching Retirement *(published by the Consumers' Association and Hodder & Stoughton). Available from bookshops or from Subscription Department, Consumers' Association, PO Box 44, Hertford SG14 1SH. Price: £6.95 including p&p.*



Caudwells Castle: a bit of Venice in the middle of the Thames

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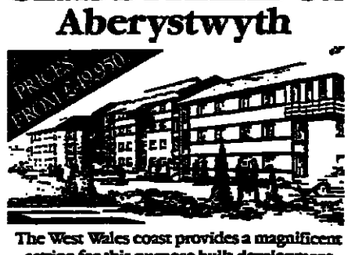

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# Signs of recovery at the Express

THE PRESS

Charles Wintour

Express Newspapers has now moved from the famous black glass building to a brand new, rubber-planted spacious construction just over Blackfriars Bridge. In general the staffs seem well pleased with their new home, which they hopefully regard as a symbol of their chairman Lord Stevens's commitment to the newspaper business.

Circulation figures are less attractive. In April the *Daily Express* was selling 7 per cent fewer copies a day than a year ago, 145,000 behind the *Daily Mail*. The *Sunday Express* sold 9 per cent less than in the previous year; it has lost the 2 million sale and is falling behind *The Mail on Sunday*. The *Daily Star* also sold 9 per cent less and fell well below the million. Lord Stevens had to tell his shareholders last week that the trading performance in the first three months of the year was below expectations.

So it's easy to make fun of the 'Daily Distress'. Yet the editors are far from dismayed. Nick Lloyd, who took on the *Daily Express* editorship three years ago, finds some encouraging trends within the overall circulation: a higher percentage of women, of the better off and of the young; also some signs of a more stable figure. It took time for the paper to settle down after a period when editors seemed to change as frequently as the seasons. Now Lloyd has new heads in almost every department and the team works well.

After a period when the paper seemed to be groping for a character, Lloyd is determined it should not be regarded as Mrs Thatcher's poodle. Indeed he seems ready to campaign under the flag of Consumerism. There was also a period when the paper seemed quite Sloane Rangerish in its interests; Lloyd would like the paper to be more, in his phrase, "Bromley-friendly".

Recent promotional bursts have yielded temporary gains of only 1 to 2 per cent on circulation. In future, some of the paper's promotional money can be spent on higher paging which would allow upgrading — more space for foreign coverage, extra analysis of the straight news and some investigative reporting. Since the paper is making £20 million a year profit, Lloyd has earned his chairman's confidence and indeed he says they get on well.

His work has also earned the commendation of Alec Kenny, media director of Saatchi and Saatchi Advertising, who told me: "The *Daily Express* has now got a consistency it lacked. It looks more modern, cleaner, sharper. It's trying to have some distinctive personality." Nevertheless it is my own belief that even if the paper has more personality it lacks personalities. Apart from that formidable battle-axe Jean Rook and the evergreen Giles, the *Daily Mail* team looks stronger.

There is also a serious political weakness. In the Fifties when the *Daily Express* was riding high, the political allegiance of its readers was very similar to the national profile. That strength has been lost, for according to one recent survey the nation would have voted early in 1988, 46 per cent Tory, 38 per cent Labour and 14 per cent Alliance. But the *Express* had a readership 71 per cent Tory, 16 per cent Labour and 11 per cent Alliance — very similar to the *Mail*. Lloyd may know the dangers of an ultra-Right image, but he has not yet shed it.

Robin Esser has a tougher job at the *Sunday Express*. The formula rigidly maintained by Sir John Junor was immensely successful but was left untouched too long. Now, to quote Kenny again, "it's different from JJ's day but has yet to settle down. It doesn't feel quite right — still part rooted in the Sixties. But a second section for money matters was a good move."

Esser sees his job as "keeping the best of the old and refreshing the new" and believes the completion of new printing arrangements at West Ferry Road in the autumn — surely still some way off — is the time for "the next phase of improvement" with larger papers giving him the opportunity to do "new things".

He believes he already has the most valuable core audience — the affluent 45-year-olds; he would like them to be just a decade younger. But will he ever make that advance unless the tabloid that is trying to get out of the broadsheet is given its freedom?

Here is a major decision for Lord Stevens. With Conrad Black of Telegraph Newspapers building up a share stake, Stevens needs to gamble if he is to protect his company from unwelcome attentions. He has able editors with ideas. Has he the flair and imagination to lead them out of long-term decline? He will need to give them full support — and that usually means money. Well, as Lord Beaverbrook once told me, "You can't run a good newspaper without extravagance, Mr Wintour."

# Battle of the standards

## Will the technological superpowers agree on high definition television? Andrew Lycett reports

It seems a long way from *Dangerous Liaisons*. Christopher Hampton's latest film script is *The Ginger Tree*, a four-part BBC drama series about a Scots girl in Manchuria at the turn of the century. Earlier this month the series started filming in Japan — an amicable-sounding co-production betweeen the BBC, the Japanese state broadcasting company NHK and Boston's WGBH Masterpiece Theatre. Filming will switch to BBC TV Centre in July.

*The Ginger Tree* is the BBC's first venture into high definition television production, the television technology of the future. It offers viewers at home films of cinema quality, either on 5ft flat screens or on their present sets.

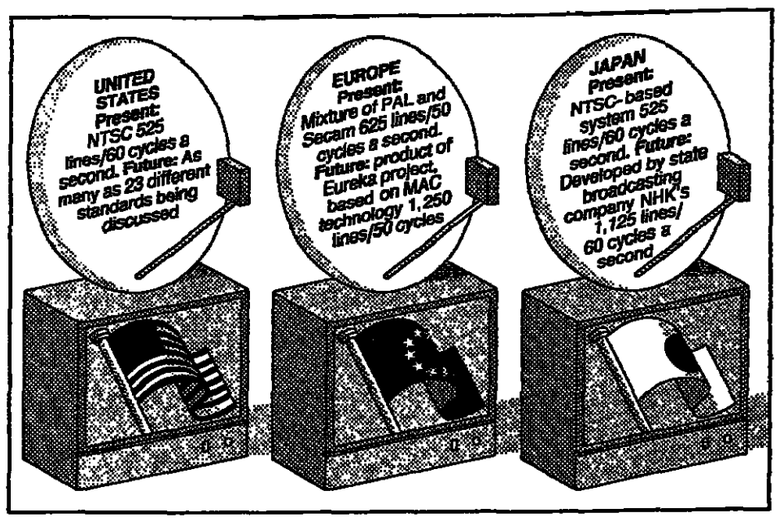
This series is all the more extraordinary because it involves partners from Europe, Japan and the United States, the world's three economic blocs which, at other levels, are currently battling to establish the industry standard for a global HDTV market estimated to be worth $40 billion by the year 2010.

HDTV achieves its high definition by roughly doubling the current number of lines on the screen at any one time. However, Europe, Japan and the US start with different numbers of lines, so HDTV developments only widened the standards gap.

The Japanese were first off the blocks. They spent $700 million developing a 1,225 line system which they hoped would establish a new industry standard and allow them to reassert their technical (and therefore economic) ascendancy over neighbouring newly industrialized countries.

Anxious to avoid the technical debacle which allowed Japan to dominate the video cassette market in the late 1970s, Europe responded in 1985 by setting up Eureka, its own collaborative initiative on high technology. Eureka project 95 (EU 95) will spend £300 million developing a 1,250 line HDTV standard which draws on the sophisticated MAC technology pioneered by Britain's IBA for use on direct broadcast by satellite. EU 95's HDTV system (sometimes known as HD-MAC) differs from the Japanese in that, with exactly double the number of lines, it is designed to be compatible with existing television sets.

Self-imposed restraints on government funding held the Americans back until President Reagan left office at the beginning of this year. American critics suspected EU 95 of the same bias against innovation manifest in the European Commission's espousal of compact disc. That, in the Americans' view, was a conspiracy perpetrated by the Dutch firm Philips to protect its library of PolyGram recordings from copying by the technically superior Japanese digital audio tape.




Under President Bush, Washington has been more pragmatic. Although the Commerce Secretary, Robert Mosbacher, has spoken against large-scale government funding, the new adminstration has managed to find back-door ways, such as improved tax breaks, of boosting HDTV research.

*The Ginger Tree*: the BBC's first venture into high definition television

At last week's meeting in Geneva of the International Radio Consultative Committee (CCIR), the forum which next year will establish a world-wide standard for HDTV, Charles Sandbank, the BBC's deputy head of engineering and chairman of the Eureka advisory board, detected a softening of US opposition to a system compatible with existing TV sets. "In the past the Americans clashed with the Europeans," he says. "They were always pushing the Japanese standard. This time they were more relaxed."

The CCIR meeting was followed by a visit to Washington by Christian Schwarz-Schilling, West German minister for posts and telecommunications. He proposed formal US-European co-operation on HDTV, quietly reminding his hosts that the two biggest US television manufacturers — Magnavox and RCA — are owned respectively by Philips and Thomson, EU 95's leading participants.

Not to be outdone, Japan has developed production and transmission technology as part of its HDTV programme. It now provides HDTV cameras and other equipment to broadcasters and film-makers at giveaway prices. *The Ginger Tree* is being filmed using Sony equipment. Officially the BBC gains "experience" of the new technology. In return Japan's NHK gets the commodity it most lacks — the programmes to run on its new-fangled television.

By setting the production standards, the Japanese hope that HDTV will be accepted as the broadcasting standard. Visiting the US last week, Patricia Hodgson, head of the BBC's policy and planning unit, discovered another line of advance in Japan's campaign. US networks are terrified that, having made their HDTV films, the Japanese will market HDTV video cassette recorders to play them.

Aware that "the key to HDTV taking off is programmes", Hodgson wants Eureka to devote more resources to production technology. It recently earmarked £30 million for a studio complex in Paris, but she wants that money shared across three centres, including Britain.

HDTV is well suited to satellite transmission and to encryption for pay-TV. Indeed the commercial future of some satellite companies could well be tied up with the successful development of the technology, which also features strongly in the BBC's corporate strategy over the next decade. Hodgson told a symposium in Brussels two months ago that if HDTV proves successful, "the likely next step would be to offer a premium service on one of the new delivery systems, whether satellite, cable or MVDS [microwave distribution]. The extra dimension of HDTV may well be what is needed to make such a service a success."

As with most technological advances, there are dissenters. Roger Gale, a former broadcaster and now Conservative MP for North Thanet, thinks HDTV is a red herring, rather like quadrophonic sound after stereo. He believes Europe should opt for a fully interactive digital TV system. But that is not available yet. So in the meantime, he believes, it should adopt "a short stop" — the wide-screen compressed HDTV, known as enhanced television (ETV), another development of the IBA Engineering Division near Winchester.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# PR comes of age – seriously

## Advertising's poor cousin has a smart new image – and it is paying off. **Lisa O'Kelly** reports

Peter Gummer, chairman and chief executive of public relations group Shandwick, is in an ebullient mood this week as he visits the United States to check on his latest acquisition, the New York PR company Golin Harris.

It is easy to understand why: Shandwick has just revealed that it boosted its earnings last year by 37 per cent to £14.9 million, confirming its place as the UK's No 1 PR company and establishing Gummer himself as the richest marketing services shareholder in the country.

His £12.65 million paper fortune puts him ahead even of the Saatchi brothers, who each own £8.34 million worth of Saatchi shares.

"PR has genuinely come of age," Gummer yells down an echoing transatlantic telephone line. And if the league table published this week by the industry's newspaper, *PR Week*, is anything to go on, his declaration contains more than a grain of truth. The figures – audited this year for the first time – show that the PR business in Britain grew by just over 30 per cent last year, easily outstripping advertising, which increased its earnings by a comparatively paltry 10 per cent.

In real terms advertising is by far the larger industry. The top 150 PR consultancies' overall income of £170.7 million in 1988 is dwarfed by the estimated £6.7 billion spent on advertising last year. But PR's traditional image as advertising's poor relation is fast becoming outdated, and the smart money says the sector will continue expanding at a healthy pace.

One reason for this – according to the PR people, at least – is that advertising has become so expensive that traditionally high-spending clients are looking at other ways of making their media and marketing budgets work for them.

"We have seen a lot of money moving from media advertising into PR, particularly in the consumer goods area," Gummer says. "What is happening is that clients who spend £4 million to £5 million on advertising are asking themselves whether it does not make sense to take a couple of thousand out of that budget and spend it on PR backup. That kind of money will get you one and a half people working full-time for a year, which is a pretty heavy commitment."

In the money: Peter Gummer's paper fortune of £12.65 million puts him ahead of the Saatchis

Another important factor in the improving fortunes of PR has been the emergence of a number of new high-growth sectors where advertising is unable to get a look in.

According to Angela Heylin, chairman of the No 2 consultancy, Charles Barker PR, whose 1988 earnings were up 9 per cent to £9.55 million, the most growth is to be found in areas such as corporate PR for companies involved in take-over bids or mergers (a take-over panel ruling in 1987 put an end to advertising in such situations), and in political and government relations both nationally and internationally.

Better established, but still growing, is financial services PR, especially in the field of investor relations. And although the money to be made from government flotations has dried up, there are still rich pickings to be had from privatizations such as water and electricity. This has led to the setting up of a rash of new consultancies over the past year, 10 of which have already found their way into *PR Week's* top 150 companies.

But most significant factor contributing to the growth of the PR industry has been its success in changing its own image. Gummer says: "We're attracting a better class of trainee and the business is 100 per cent more professional now than it was when I started 15 years ago."

So much so that major companies which find themselves under media scrutiny cannot afford to be without professional PR help. As *PR Week's* editor, Peter Yeo, points out, behind every big news story there now lurks a PR person.

Gummer's Shandwick worked overtime for Cons Gold during its recent skirmish with Minorco, which was itself represented by a Saatchi subsidiary. WPP-owned Hill and Knowlton is handling PR for Lonrho in its feud with the Fayed brothers, who use the Broadstreet consultancy. Tim Bell's Lowe Bell Group is helping James Goldsmith in his stalking of RHM and aiding and abetting the government in its electricity privatization. The list goes on.

And WPP's Martin Sorrell, for one, feels the gentrification of PR has only just begun. His group makes $200 million, or 10 per cent of its annual $2 billion revenue, from PR, and he predicts that this figure will continue to climb. "Just as the G&T stereotype of the adman has long since disappeared, the classic image of the PR man is being transformed," he says. "Half of our business comes from non-media advertising and PR is one of the most important areas of that sector. It's a serious business now."

# A new magazine in the most select of company

The City of London is about to have a new tribal noticeboard. It will seek to restore, or at least redefine, the image of the City's ancient livery companies, whose impact on the public mind today amounts to little more than a vague impression of turtle soup and gold-braided footmen.

In fact, the livery companies, immensely wealthy from the wisely-tended benefactions of past generations of Skinners, Girdlers, Mercers and the like, are a significant part of the City's discreet network of communications, and large-scale corporate contributors to a host of charitable causes.

From Friday this week they are to have their own magazine. Two former masters of livery companies, Clive Willcocks and Tim Straker, have combined their talents to launch a suitably sumptuous quarterly which is to be called *Root and Branch*, reminiscence of the traditional toast drunk at company dinners: "Root and branch, may it flourish for ever!"

Willcocks, who will edit the magazine, is past master of the Worshipful Company of Cordwainers, and in real life a Chelsea antiques dealer. Straker, a Girdler, will publish it as one of the stable of magazines owned by Harper Trade Journals, part of the Straker Group.

"Many members have very little idea what livery companies other than their own are doing," says Willcocks. "*Root and Branch* will be circulated free to all the 22,000 liverymen and also to MPs, industrial leaders and the Press. If we inform our own members better about all the things that we do, they will be the best advertising men we could have."

The 48-page full-colour magazine is not intended to be one more example of the guilds' philanthropy. It will in fact be a very select freesheet, paid for by advertisers who appreciate the potential of an audience composed almost exclusively of high-fliers.

As well as keeping the liverymen themselves up to date with news of their companies and coming events in the City, it is meant to inform the public about the practical and picturesque aspects of livery companies' work.

"We will have regular columns about the ancient trades commemorated in company names and about the stories behind City place-names," Willcocks says.

"Many expressions connected with the livery companies have passed into the language, like 'sixes and sevens', which refers to the rivalry between the Merchant Taylors and Skinners over which of them had priority in the order of precedence. It was finally settled when the Lord Mayor said they should alternate in sixth and seventh place annually, which they still do to this day."

**George Hill**

BYLINES

# Making the grade

**Channel 4 has appointed 48-year-old Jeremy Taylor, TV-am's head of corporate development, as its new head of press and publicity. C4 boss Michael Grade's decision to advertise this job, and have the appointee report directly to him, led to the resignation last month of Sue Stoessl, the channel's head of marketing. Previously press and publicity came within her empire. Although Taylor's job description also includes marketing, C4 emphasizes that he is not taking over Stoessl's job. The channel is reorganizing its top management, following proposed changes in its role envisaged in the Government's White Paper last November. If one of the White Paper's suggestions – that C4 should sell its own advertising – is implemented, a new director of sales is expected at Charlotte Street.**

## Health kick

Nick Lamb, managing director of NML Presentations, the company behind the Department of Health's £1 million NHS Review roadshows, has written to Labour MP Frank Dobson complaining about remarks he made last week in the House of Commons. Dobson said the "little-known" company had "one vital asset . . . close connections with the Tory party". By which he meant Tim Bell, Downing Street media adviser and boss of NML Presentations' parent company, Lowe, Howard, Spink and Bell. In his letter, sent yesterday, Lamb says Bell had nothing to do with the contract. He describes Dobson's charges as "insulting" and "without foundation", and calls for an apology.

## Virgin territory

**Richard Branson's Virgin Group is about to extend its publishing empire. W.H. Allen, 68 per cent owned by Virgin, is on the point of finalizing a deal to acquire the non-fiction lists of long-established independent rival, Harraps, which last year published the best-seller, *Stalker*. An announcement is expected next week.**

## Higher station

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## No change

Returning from a short stay in China where – along with others – he was advising the state-owned China Public Relations Corporation on how to go about its business, *Evening Standard* editor John Leese was astonished to read last week's "Bylines" report that he was about to swap jobs with Nick Gordon, editor of *The Mail on Sunday's* successful *You* magazine. Leese says there is no truth in the report. My apologies.

## Nightingales

Musical chairs in Berkeley Square: in September, after over 30 years at No 25 on the north side of the square, the magazine arm of *Reader's Digest* is moving to Curzon Street, from where the present incumbent, Glaxo, is decamping to offices in the new Saatchi building on Berkeley Square's south side.

## Practical decision

**Diamandis Communications, part of the French Hachette publishing group, has pulled out of its deal to buy *McCall's*, the United States's practical woman's magazine. The New York Times Company, which owns *Family Circle*, has emerged as front runner to buy *McCall's*, which sells 5.1 million copies.**

## Briefing . . .

**David Vevers, group public affairs manager at the Prudential Corporation, is to join Wolff Olins as client director . . .** Channel 4 has commissioned Europa, a new 10-part pan-European magazine series costing £750,000, from Diverse Production and Barraclough Carey Productions . . . ***Newsnight* has appointed two new deputy editors, Eamonn Matthews and Keith Bowers, to understudy editor John Morrison . . .**

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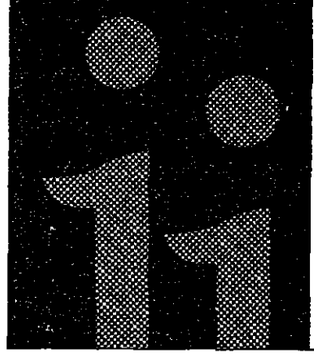

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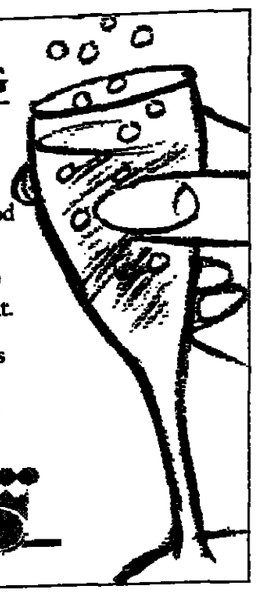

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**Peter Ball** finds Gordon Taylor urging football's leaders to set right example

# The summer for solutions

FOOTBALL: THE WAY AHEAD

IAN STEWART

Time for reflection and looking ahead: Gordon Taylor says the game must go on under the right direction

In the last 10 days, pouring scorn on the faltering leadership of football has become an almost irresistible occupation. The Football Association, in particular, has cut a sad figure at a time when the game is in desperate need of firm direction.

But mockery is easy. Supplying a solution to some insurmountable problems, most of them social rather than sporting, is another matter, as Gordon Taylor, the chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) and one football administrator still with his credibility intact, points out.

"Life could never be the same again after Hillsborough," the stocky little former Bolton winger reflected sombrely on Monday in the Manchester offices of the PFA. "It must change to make sure that that can never happen again. But there are too many people offering catch-penny solutions to million-pound problems.

"I think there is this general desire for an instant panacea. Even the Government wants something you can package and say: 'That's my answer,' but there isn't that simple answer. It is like asking a politician to come up with an instant solution to Northern Ireland or the Lebanon."

For all the intractable nature of the problems, however, Taylor is clearly eager to contribute — if he is given the chance.

The PFA's members have emerged with more credit from Hillsborough and its aftermath than any other group, but that did not prevent Colin Moynihan, Minister for Sport, reviving the oldest of red herrings by blaming their behaviour for contributing to crowd disorder in his ill-judged speech to the Football Writers' Association last week. Yet to Taylor's evident frustration, the Minister for Sport, unlike his predecessors, has made no attempt to consult the players or any supporters' organization.

"The players have behaved impeccably since Hillsborough," Taylor insisted forcibly. "You had young men with no training and often little formal education plunged into a situation where the grief was so thick you could cut it, and they acted as counsellors, gave support, and having handled that, they then went on to play some of the best football ever. And then on Saturday those players gave their all for 120 minutes and then had to put up with pitch invasions and intimidation. They were absolutely stampeded by supporters and handled it all magnificently."

Under prodding from his members, Taylor was even moved to write to the Prime Minister to suggest a meeting in which he could put forward his association's point of view. Perhaps predictably, he was disappointed, being informed that the Prime Minister's diary was too crowded.

It seems an unfortunate response, for Taylor is convinced that in the wake of Hillsborough and the subsequent crowd problems at Crystal Palace and Wembley, the only answer is for everyone to spend the summer round a table trying to produce some solution, for like almost everyone concerned in trying to make any such scheme work, he is convinced that neither the Government's identity card scheme nor a wholesale ban on away fans is the answer. Yet he admits that so far football has not come up with an alternative.

"If football spends the summer arguing over the TV package and the size of the first division, going to tribunals over transfer fees, and arguing over playing surfaces, rather than trying to sort out some way forward, then we will perhaps deserve to be dragged screaming through the Government's hoop," he argued.

"But I don't believe their solution will work, because the people who will have to make it work are having it forced on them without being part of it, and their innate stubbornness will surface. And more importantly, it is trying to treat football in a vacuum when it is so much part of the fabric of society."

Perhaps naively, Taylor believes that the Government should welcome a move to provide some real answers over the long term rather than an easily marketable package. But he is convinced that if any real solution is to be found, the Government will have to play a part as an independent arbiter pulling a steering committee together.

We must have everyone who is involved on the practical side — police, fire brigade, local safety officers, transport authority, and football all working together," he suggested. "I don't think it is fair to expect a judge or the police to come up with the recommendations on their own. Football needs to be involved, too.

"But how could people who are only trained in football be expected to supply the answers to questions on law and order, crowd control, and safety, which is what football is being asked to do? If we are going to, we need financial support and legislative support, and input from all the relevant authorities. How can football solve in isolation what is sweeping through the whole of the rest of society — increasing violence and aggression of young males?"

If that questioning approach has little appeal to demagogues inside and outside football, it makes a lot more sense than the kind of snap judgements that have left the FA in such farcical disarray. And Taylor does have some suggestions as well, pointing out that schemes like the PFA's Football in the Community programme have led to improved crowd behaviour at 35 participating clubs.

That, he insists, must be part of the way forward. It is, however, a slow process, as most genuine solutions are likely to be. The demands for extra seating, with different standards being required for clubs in differing divisions, will also take time to be reach fruition, Taylor believes.

But as Taylor insisted: "There aren't any easy answers — or at least there is one: 'Close the game down.' People say we don't need football. But my answer is that people do need recreation just like they need food, and drink, and clothing, and shelter.

"And since Hillsborough with its passions and emotions, the game has shown it can bring out the very finest in people, too. Are we going to wipe all that away for the sake of getting rid of the baser elements?"

RUGBY UNION

## Scots may be in for a bruising match

From Alan Lorimer
Osaka

Scotland, who play Kansai tonight in the fourth and penultimate game of their tour in Nagoya, have already discovered that whatever the Japanese lack in height they make up for in strength.

On Sunday against a Japan under-23 side, the Scottish pack was twice sent backwards as the home forwards applied pressure. A possible reason for Scotland's set piece lapses, apart from the humidity, may have been their lack of practice with a scrummaging machine. Consequently, their coach, Richie Dixon, insisted that one be made available for training yesterday.

Missing from the session was Tukalo, who suffered a bruised thigh from a late tackle on Sunday. The ferocity of the Japanese tackling has caused several injuries on this tour. The other day Dixon referred to a practice session in which the Scots were "learning how to ride these tackles". They will certainly need to do so if Kanssi defend with the same vigour as Kyushu last Wednesday.

The Welsh international referee, Les Peard, will officiate. He also takes charge of the match against Japan on Sunday.

SCOTLAND XV: I Ramsey (Melrose); M Duncan (West of Scotland), B Edwards (Boroughmuir), R Maclean (Gloucester), A Stanger (Hawick); M Walker (Boroughmuir), S Jardine (S Glam Inst); G Wilson (Boroughmuir), I Corcoran (Gala), A Brewster (Stewart's Melville, capt), D Cronin (Bath), S Munro (Glasgow High Kelvinside), A Buchanan-Smith (London Scottish), G Marshall (Selkirk), R Wainwright (Cambridge Univ). Replacements: C Gleasow (Cambridge Univ), S Linnen (Boroughmuir), G Oliver (Hawick), P Wright (Boroughmuir), J Hay (Hawick), D Turnbull (Hawick).

BOWLS

## Bryant falls to Rhys Jones

David Bryant, who has won the English singles championship six times, is no longer a contender for the title this year, having been beaten in the first round of the Somerset county championship by his pairs partner, David Rhys Jones (a Special Correspondent writes).

With no seeding in bowls, even world champions such as Bryant have to submit themselves to the vagaries of imperfect greens in May.

Rhys Jones, a former England player who plays at the Clevedon club where Bryant is a member, and has beaten Bryant previously, this time led throughout. 21-14 in front after 21 ends, he had to survive the master's customary eleventh hour surge before sealing the match, 25-22, on the 29th end.

RUGBY LEAGUE

## More spectators see fewer players flout regulations

By Keith Macklin

There was excellent news on two fronts from the Rugby Football League yesterday. Attendances are up by 25 per cent for the second successive season and the number of sendings-off was, at 91, in 600 first-class games, the lowest since two divisions were introduced in 1973.

Average attendances for the first division Stones Bitter Championship have risen by 50 per cent in two seasons. In 1986-87 the average per game was 4,844. This increased last season to 7,292.

There were huge rises in some club gates, particularly with the promotion trio of Featherstone Rovers, who recorded an increase of 137 per cent from 1,879 to 4,379; Wakefield Trinity up 113 per cent from 2,416 to 5,151; and Oldham, whose gates rose 52 per cent from 3,790 to 5,759.

Other big percentage rises were achieved by Salford, up 46 per cent at 5,470, Castleford 45 per cent at 6,588, and the double winners, Widnes 38 per cent at 8,648.

Once again, Wigan had the highest average attendance at 14,543, an improvement of 1,519. In second place were Leeds with 12,060, a jump of 2,149, and in third place were St Helens whose attendances rose by 1,097 to 9,514.

In the second division, Leigh topped the table with 2,346, though this showed a drop of 2,170 from the previous season when they were in the first division.

On the disciplinary front the 91 dismissals was 10 lower than last season's record low of 101. The best behaved clubs were Leeds and Fulham, who had no one sent off. The highest numbers of dismissals came from the two bottom clubs in the second division, Mansfield with seven, and Runcorn with six.

● The Wigan coach, Graham Lowe has chosen his last squad for the Central Park club. For the challenge match against Warrington in Milwaukee next month he expects to have the services of the Australian-based Ellery Hanley, Steve Hampson, Joe Lydon, Andy Gregory and Shaun Edwards, who will fly to America, but he will be without Kevin Iro, Ian Potter and Andy Platt for various reasons.

## TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

**FOOTBALL**

**European Cup Final**
AC Milan v Steaua Bucharest (Barcelona, 7.15)

**Barclays League Play-offs**

**Semi-finals, second leg**
*(First leg score in brackets)*

**Second division**
C Palace (0) v Swindon (1) (8.0)
Watford (0) v Blackburn (0) (7.45)

**Fourth division**
Scarborough (0) v Leyton Orient (2)
Scunthorpe (1) v Wrexham (3)

**CRICKET**

**Britannic Assurance Championship**
11.0, 110 overs minimum
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Kent.
FOSTER'S OVAL: Surrey v Lancashire.
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Nottinghamshire.
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Derbyshire.

**Other matches**
11.30 to 6.30
FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Essex.
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**OTHER SPORT**
BASKETBALL: England Select v Canadians (Crystal Palace).
BILLIARDS: World matchplay championship (Manchester).
GOLF: English women's championship (Burnham and Berrow); Welsh women's team championship (Conwy); McGregor Assistants' championship (Lesham Grange); Whyte and Mackay champions challenge (Wentworth).
SPEEDWAY: 4TT: Long Eaton, Mildenhall and Wimbledon (7.45).

## SPORT ON TV

BASEBALL: Screensport 5-7.30pm: Major League: Minnesota Twins v Toronto Blue Jays.
EQUESTRIANISM: Eurosport 1.30-2.30 and 9-10pm: Rome horse show.
EUROSPORT — WHAT A WEEK!: Eurosport 10.30-11.30am: Review of the week's sport.
FOOTBALL: Eurosport 2.30-3.30pm: World Cup qualifying: Highlights of group five, Norway v Cyprus from Oslo. Eurosport 10pm-midnight: European Cup finals: AC Milan v Steaua Bucharest from Barcelona.
GOLF: Eurosport 12.30-1.30pm: Italian open: Highlights from Monticello.
GYMNASTICS: Eurosport 11.30am-12.30pm and 7-8pm. European championships from Brussels.
ICE HOCKEY: Screensport 8.45-10.45pm: Stanley Cup: Final: Montreal Canadiens v Calgary Flames, fourth match.
MIDWEEK SPORT SPECIAL: ITV 10.45pm-midnight: Football: European Cup final: Highlights of AC Milan v Steaua Bucharest from Barcelona. Barclays League play-offs: Highlights. Boxing: Preview of Barry McGuigan's super-featherweight contest against Jim McDonnell.
MOTOR SPORT: Screensport 3-4pm: Powersports International. Screensport 4-5pm: Formula 3000 from Paul Ricard, France. Screensport 7.30-8.45pm: Indianapolis time trials.
RACING: TBC2 2.25-4.25pm: 2.40, 3.10, 3.40 and 4.10 races from Goodwood.
RUGBY UNION: Eurosport 3.30-4.30pm: Midweek events: Highlights from Twickenham.
SPORT FROM SPAIN: Screensport 10.45-11pm.
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# Warrshan to advance claim as Derby jigsaw nears completion

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

The last piece of this year's Derby picture should slot into place at Goodwood today with the running of the N M Financial Predominate Stakes.

High Estate, who topped last year's Free Handicap, faces a vital test in his first race since he split his near-hind pastern while winning the Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot last September.

As a result of winning that, and other pattern races at Sandown, Goodwood and Royal Ascot, High Estate is penalized to the hilt.

But neither the manner of his homework on Newmarket Heath this spring nor a re-appraisal of his form convinces me that he can make a winning comeback. George Robinson, our experienced work watcher at Newmarket, reiterated yesterday that he has been unimpressed by High Estate this year, even though there has been a flood of money for him in the ante-post market recently.

As far as his form is concerned it has to be said that beating Samoan, Polar Run and Spitfire last season does not look as good now as it did at the time. They have all been beaten comprehensively this term.

But if you forgive Warrshan that defeat in the Chester Vase, which I am prepared to do because he blatantly needed the run, his form at Newmarket last autumn looks all the better since the runner-up Torjoun has won the William Hill Dante Stakes at York.

The word from Newmarket is that the Chester race has had the desired effect on Warrshan and galvanized him into action. In the circumstances I doubt High Estate being good enough to give him 6lb.

Really Brilliant, Luca Cumani's runner, was obviously living up to his name on the Heath in March and April to the extent that he was made hot favourite to win the Greenham Stakes at Newbury. But his eventual performance was so deplorable that one can only advise a watching brief now.

Greenwich Papillon has the beating of Road To Reason if one looks back to their form at Newmarket in April. But that form has been made to look rather frail subsequently by the events in the Dee Stakes at Chester.

On the corresponding occasion 12 months ago I went nap on Mtoto to win the Festival Stakes only to see the race declared void after the entire field had taken the wrong course because the track had been incorrectly dolled off.

In the hope that that will not happen again, Insan (4.10) is nominated as today's best bet now that the good gallop that he needs to bring his stamina into play is likely to be set by Hibernian Gold, who invariably sets out to make all the running.

While Hibernian Gold only just managed to beat Nemesia last season at Newmarket, Insan took higher rank when finishing a close second in the Lingfield Derby Trial, the Irish Derby and the Great Voltigeur Stakes.

Valley Of Danuata, who has been in good form over hurdles lately, can make a successful switch to the Flat by capturing the Chichester Festival Theatre Handicap, while over the jumps at Cartmel his stable companion Charlton Kings has a clear chance of initiating a double for their trainer Frank Jordan by beating Hanseatic in the North West Racing Club Selling Hurdle.

● Dick Hern's Prince Of Dance, withdrawn from today's Predominate Stakes, is reported exceptionally well but misses the race because his owners are keen not to run him before the Derby. He will now go straight to Epsom.

### Blinkered first time

GOODWOOD: 2.40 Go Forum.

High Estate (Steve Cauthen) returns from injury to state his Epsom case in the Predominate Stakes at Goodwood today

## GOODWOOD

### Selections

By Mandarin

2.10 Bolshoi Prince.
2.40 Valley Of Danuata.
3.10 Warrshan.
3.40 My Chiara.
4.10 INSAN (nap).
4.45 Performing Arts.
5.20 Lugana Beach.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.10 Bolshoi Prince.
2.40 Staten Island.
3.10 Warrshan.
3.40 Time To Reign.
4.10 SWEET CHESNE (nap).
4.45 Surpassing.
5.20 —

By Michael Seely

2.40 VALLEY OF DANUATA (nap). 3.40 King Of Mileen. 4.10 Insan.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 5.20 LUGANA BEACH.

**Going: good to firm (watering)**

**Draw: 5f-6f, high numbers best; 8f, high numbers best**

**2.10 GOODWOOD AERODROME MAIDEN STAKES** (2-Y-O colts: £1,492: 5f) (5 runners)

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| 101 | (5) | | ALZANAZ (N Abouboker) R Hannon 9-0 | B Rouse | — |
| 102 | (4) | | BARTON DENE (Lady Brown) B Hills 9-0 | M Hills | — |
| 103 | (2) | | BOLSHOI PRINCE (M Tabor) A Bailey 9-0 | Pat Eddery | — |
| 104 | (3) | | DUSTBOWL (P Goulandris) P Walwyn 9-0 | W R Swinburn | — |
| 105 | (1) | | GLENTOR (A Perry) G Lewis 9-0 | G Sexton | — |

BETTING: 6-4 Barton Dene, 5-2 Dustbowl, 4-1 Alzanaz, 13-2 Glentor, 7-1 Bolshoi Prince.

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ALZANAZ, a 20,000gns son of Alzao, is a half-brother to a winner in Italy. BARTON DENE, by Gorytus, whose dam, Tersiva, was a middle-distance maiden.

BOLSHOI PRINCE, a 25,000gns son of Gorytus, out of Achtaleya. DUSTBOAL, by Sharpo, is a half-brother to Elegant Rainbow and Derry River.
No Selection

**2.40 CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE HANDICAP** (£3,720: 1m 4f) (8 runners) BBC 2

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 201 | (6) | 606460/ | KALIBERTO 576 (N Goymer) Miss B Sanders 5-10-0 | W Newnes | — |
| 202 | (3) | 403-613 | STATEN ISLAND 7 (D,BF,F,G) (M Hill) N Callaghan 4-9-6 | W Carson | 96 |
| 203 | (2) | 0226-25 | PONTEVECCHIO NOTTE 23 (BF,F,G) (W Merkt) G P-Gordon 4-9-0 | G Duffield | 95 |
| 204 | (8) | 01/2304- | VALLEY OF DANUATA 12J (BF,G) (Mrs M Cooper) F Jordan 4-9-0 | R McGhin | ● 99 |
| 205 | (1) | 380-214 | CASPIAN MIST 28 (D,BF,S) (B Nelson) G Lewis 4-8-13 | Pat Eddery | 96 |
| 206 | (5) | 5/10-60 | TOPGLOW 40 (D,F) (R Richards) H O'Neill 5-8-9 | J Reid | 99 |
| 207 | (7) | 1050-00 | GO FORUM 14 (B,D,F,G) (Forum Ltd) J Sutcliffe 4-8-8 | M Roberts | 96 |
| 208 | (4) | 1465-05 | LADY ROSANNA 23 (BF,G,S) (Mrs W P-Beynon) I Balding 4-8-5 | S O'Gorman (5) | 98 |

BETTING: 3-1 Staten Island, 7-2 Valley Of Danuata, Pontevecchio Notte, 6-1 Caspian Mist, 8-1 Go Forum, 10-1 Kaliberto, 12-1 Lady Rosanna, Topglow.

1988: RUSSIAN AFFAIR 4-8-1 W Carson (7-2) R Akehurst 9 ran

FORM STATEN ISLAND, a front runner who should be suited by this track, made all to beat Rivart at Brighton (1m 4f, firm) with GO FORUM last of 10; latest at Kempton (1m 4f, firm) 7l 3rd of 7 to Sweet Enough. PONTEVECCIO NOTTE ran some good races in defeat last season and has been in fair form this term; latest at Doncaster (1m 2f 50yd, good) beaten about 1¾l when 5th of 18 to My Lamb.

VALLEY OF DANUATA, has had a successful hurdling campaign, ¾l 2nd of 17 to STATEN ISLAND (16lb worse off) at Kempton (1m 2f, good).

CASPIAN MIST, soundly beaten at Epsom (1m 2f, soft); earlier won at Kempton (1m 4f, heavy) beating Jinga a neck with LADY ROSANNA tailed off in 9th.

Selection: VALLEY OF DANUATA

**3.10 N M FINANCIAL PREDOMINATE STAKES** (Listed race: 3-Y-O: £18,112: 1m 2f) (8 runners) BBC 2

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 301 | (4) | 11111- | HIGH ESTATE 242 (C,F,G) (H Joel) H Cecil 9-4 | S Cauthen | ● 99 |
| 302 | (7) | 0102-41 | GREENWICH PAPILLON 34 (G,S) (J Bird) W Carter 9-1 | J Reid | 86 |
| 303 | (3) | 135-304 | CHIEF'S IMAGE 13 (S) (Prince Yazid Saud) G Huffer 8-12 | Pat Eddery | 81 |
| 304 | (2) | 030-202 | DAWN SUCCESS 28 (F,G) (Mrs C Pateras) C Brittain 8-12 | M Roberts | 87 |
| 305 | (1) | 353-1 | GRAN ALBA 11 (D,F) (C Kilroy) R Hannon 8-12 | B Rouse | 78 |
| 306 | (8) | 11-0 | REALLY BRILLIANT 39 (BF,F,G) (J Mabee) L Cumani 8-12 | R Cochrane | 87 |
| 307 | (6) | 12-43 | ROAD TO REASON 13 (B,C,S) (Sir Michael Sobell) W Hern 8-12 | W Carson | 82 |
| 308 | (5) | 11-3 | WARRSHAN 15 (BF,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-12 | W R Swinburn | 81 |

BETTING: 4-5 High Estate, 7-2 Warrshan, 6-1 Really Brilliant, 12-1 Gran Alba, 14-1 Dawn Success, Greenwich Papillon, 20-1 Chief's Image, Road To Reason.

1988: MINSTER SON 9-1 W Carson (3-1) W Hern 7 ran

FORM HIGH ESTATE, a very useful and unbeaten juvenile, split a pastern when beating Samoan 4l at Ascot (1m, firm). GREENWICH PAPILLON won at 100/1 at Chepstow (7f, good) last season and followed up this year beating Opening Verse ¾l at Newmarket (1m 1f, good to soft) with ROAD TO REASON (3lb better off) 7l further away in 4th.
ROAD TO REASON has subsequently finished about 5l 3rd of 9 to Free Sweater at Chester (1m 2f 85yd, firm) with CHIEF'S IMAGE (same terms) a length away in 4th.

CHIEF'S IMAGE had earlier finished a well beaten 8th of 12 to Zayyani at Newbury (7f, good to soft) with REALLY BRILLIANT a very disappointing 9th and DAWN SUCCESS 11th. WARRSHAN, a useful juvenile last term, was slightly disappointing when 14½l 3rd of 5 to Old Vic at Chester (1m 4f 65yd, good to firm).

Selection: HIGH ESTATE

**3.40 MAIL ON SUNDAY SERIES HANDICAP** (Qualifier: 3-Y-O: £3,850: 1m) (9 runners) BBC 2

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 401 | (2) | 82111- | LOMAX 282 (B,F,S) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-7 | Pat Eddery | 91 |
| 402 | (6) | 51410- | BELL TOLL 214 (CD,G,S) (G P-Gordon) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-12 | W Newnes | 90 |
| 403 | (7) | 10042-0 | MY CHIARA 14 (C,F) (J Pitt) M Usher 8-7 | M Roberts | ● 99 |
| 404 | (4) | 24-0 | KING OF MILEEN 16 (Mrs E Sheehan) Lady Herries 8-6 | T Ives | 88 |
| 405 | (9) | 28423-0 | CONTINENTAL CLAIRE 28 (G) (Mrs W Loughran) B Hills 8-4 | M Hills | 98 |
| 406 | (1) | 601- | FOREST BLAZE 205 (G) (Sheikh Mohammed) I Balding 8-4 | S O'Gorman (5) | 83 |
| 407 | (3) | 0-1 | MIRROR BLACK 19 (D,G) (Mrs C Webster) P Makin 8-1 | T Quinn | 92 |
| 408 | (5) | 02-6 | TIME TO REIGN 16 (E Fustok) M Tompkins 8-0 | W Carson | 98 |
| 409 | (8) | 01- | MALIBASTA 271 (C,G) (Mrs S Thornton) D Elsworth 7-10 | S Dawson | 98 |

BETTING: 7-2 Mirror Black, 4-1 Lomax, 11-2 Forest Blaze, 6-1 Malibasta, 8-1 Continental Claire, 10-1 Time to Reign, 14-1 My Chiara, Bell Toll, 20-1 King Of Mileen.

1988: MILLIGAN 8-5 G Duffield (8-1) M Prescott 17 ran

FORM LOMAX won in good style by 3l over Handsome Groom at Leicester (7f, good to firm).
CONTINENTAL CLAIRE, a consistent sort, should come on for her 7th of 10 behind Awayed at Epsom (1m 110yd, soft) last month. FOREST BLAZE finished last season with an easy 1½l win from Mizuwari in a Leicester maiden (6f, good).

MIRROR BLACK won cleverly at Hamilton (1m 40yd, good) beating Blue Mischief ½l. MALIBASTA forged clear to beat MCA Lucky Star 3l here in a maiden (6f, good) last season.

Selection: LOMAX

**4.10 FESTIVAL STAKES** (Listed race: £14,230: 1m 2f) (7 runners) BBC 2

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 501 | (5) | 11214-0 | HIBERNIAN GOLD 28 (D,F,G,S) (K Nicklin) G Harwood 4-8-11 | G Starkey | 93 |
| 502 | (2) | 1/22245- | INSAN 244 (BF,G,S) (F Salman) P Cole 4-8-11 | T Quinn | ● 99 |
| 503 | (1) | 0/4160-0 | LA VIE EN PRIMROSE 25 (D,G) (W Gredley) C Brittain 4-8-11 | M Roberts | 75 |
| 504 | (3) | 11512-4 | SWEET CHESNE 32 (BF,G,S) (C St. George) H Cecil 4-8-11 | S Cauthen | 87 |
| 505 | (4) | 50050-0 | WESTERN WOLF 88 (F,S) (R Allen) R Curtis 4-8-11 | W Newnes | — |
| 506 | (7) | 2/6012- | NEMESIA 236 (D,F) (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) W Hern 4-8-8 | W Carson | 74 |
| 507 | (6) | 611-634 | WHIPP'S CROSS 21 (D,F,S) (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) C Wall 4-8-8 | N Day | 67 |

BETTING: 9-4 Insan, 3-1 Sweet Chesne, 4-1 Hibernian Gold, 11-2 Nemesia, 12-1 La Vie En Primrose, 16-1 Whipp's Cross, 65-1 Western Wolf.

1988: RACE VOID

FORM HIBERNIAN GOLD won three times last season beating NEMESIA a nk (4lb worse terms) at Newmarket (1m 2f, good). He ran his best race here when 2½l 2nd to Mtoto (1m 2f, good to firm). Disappointed on reappearance at Epsom (1m 2f, soft) but should put that performance behind him. INSAN was probably unlucky not to win last year and displayed great tenacity when a short-head second to Khayesi in the Irish Derby (1m 4f, good to firm).
LA VIE EN PRIMROSE came out best in the blanket finish in the Pretty Polly Stakes at Newmarket (1m 2f, good) beating Intimate Guest a nk; latest 9th behind Indian Skimmer on her reappearance at Sandown (1m 2f, soft).

SWEET CHESNE graduated from handicap company to land a good contest at Kempton (1m, good) by 2l from Just A Flutter. Put up a reasonable show on reappearance at Leicester (7f, soft) when 6½l 4th to Beau Sher and should handle this longer trip well.

Selection: INSAN (nap)

**4.45 EBF CLIVE GRAHAM GRADUATION STAKES** (2-Y-O fillies: £2,238: 6f) (6 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 601 | (6) | 1 | PERFORMING ARTS 19 (F) (R Sangster) B Hills 9-2 | M Hills | ● 99 |
| 602 | (5) | 13 | SARAH CARTER 11 (S) (C Garrad) R Stubbs 9-2 | S Whitworth | 77 |
| 603 | (1) | 0 | DANCING MAY 21 (B Kielany) P Howling 8-8 | W Newnes | — |
| 604 | (3) | 02 | DONNA LORENZA 11 (P Winfield) R Hannon 8-8 | B Rouse | 96 |
| 605 | (4) | 4 | SURPASSING 13 (D Sieff) C Brittain 8-8 | S Cauthen | 90 |
| 606 | (2) | | TALASEA (Mrs V Gaucci del Bono) J Dunlop 8-8 | Pat Eddery | — |

BETTING: 7-4 Surpassing, 9-4 Performing Arts, 7-2 Talassa, 6-1 Donna Lorenza, 8-1 Sarah Carter, 20-1 Dancing May.

1988: MISS BENTLEY 8-8 S Cauthen (5-2) D Elsworth 9 ran

FORM PERFORMING ARTS made a winning debut at Newmarket (5f, good to firm) beating Miss Tenaville a neck. Sure to improve further over 6f. SARAH CARTER won a seller at Nottingham (5f, heavy) by ¾l from Just Go on her debut: latest 4½l 3rd to Palabera over 6f at Lingfield (firm) and may be better dropped back to the minimum trip.

DONNA LORENZA, a half-sister to the useful Dumphy's Special, showed improved form when 1½l 2nd to Farfelu at Lingfield (5f, firm).
SURPASSING stayed on well when just over 3l 4th to Susha at Chester (5f, firm). Looked unsuited to the track and it would be no surprise to see a better showing here.
Selection: PERFORMING ARTS

**5.20 HIGH WOOD GRADUATION STAKES** (3-Y-O: £1,744: 6f) (9 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (3) | 14052-6 | LUGANA BEACH 18 (B,F) (R Richards) D Elsworth 9-12 | S Cauthen | ● 99 |
| 2 | (8) | 0000- | DANGER SIGN 321 (BF) (R Richards) H O'Neill 9-0 | Pat Eddery | — |
| 3 | (5) | 623 | DEERCAL DANCER 23 (C Perry) R Simpson 9-0 | J Curant | 68 |
| 4 | (7) | 00-0 | INDIAN UPRISING 35 (J Kenny) R Hannon 9-0 | B Rouse | 62 |
| 5 | (6) | 45-0 | MARKET MAKER 18 (S Posford) R Johnson Houghton 9-0 | J Reid | 71 |
| 6 | (1) | 0 | SIMON'S SONG 22 (T Nicholson) K Brassey 9-0 | N Adams | — |
| 7 | (4) | 0- | UXONTORIUS 209 (J Horgan) R Hannon 9-0 | W Carson | — |
| 8 | (9) | 00 | ZEBOIM 7 (D Muir) K Brassey 9-0 | C Rutter | — |
| 9 | (2) | 00- | CHEEKY BABY 247 (H Bamberg) D Arbuthnot 8-11 | — | — |

BETTING: 10-11 Lugana Beach, 7-2 Market Maker, 7-1 Simon's Song, 8-1 Deercal Dancer, 12-1 Uxontorius, 16-1 others.

1988: VERY ADJACENT 9-0 T Williams (14-1) D Laing 12 ran

FORM LUGANA BEACH was successful at Ascot (5f, good to firm) last year when beating Almost Blue (levels ½l; latest faced a stiff task when 11th behind Silver Fling in the Palace House Stakes (5f, good to firm) DEERCAL DANCER held every chance when beaten under a length by South Stack in a Doncaster Seller (7f, good).

SIMON'S SONG, a half-brother to winning sprinter Monswart, was always behind and 14l 8th of 9 behind Silks Princess at Nottingham (6f, soft). Should progress for the experience. UXONTORIUS was backward and was not knocked about when 9th of 15 to Wishaway at Folkestone (6f, soft).
Selection: LUGANA BEACH

### Course specialists

| TRAINERS | Winners | Runners | Per cent | JOCKEYS | Winners | Rides | Per cent |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| H Cecil | 26 | 71 | 36.6 | Pat Eddery | 53 | 232 | 22.8 |
| G Harwood | 39 | 138 | 28.3 | G Starkey | 29 | 139 | 20.9 |
| L Cumani | 17 | 76 | 22.4 | M Roberts | 14 | 73 | 19.2 |
| M Stoute | 15 | 73 | 20.5 | G Duffield | 3 | 16 | 18.8 |
| G P-Gordon | 6 | 35 | 17.1 | S Cauthen | 31 | 178 | 17.4 |
| R Houghton | 8 | 49 | 16.3 | R Cochrane | 20 | 118 | 16.9 |

# Cauthen on mark with 18-1 double

*Steve Cauthen, setting a hot pace in pursuit of a fourth jockeys' title,* took his score this season to 38 with a near 18-1 double on Dead Certain and Ever Welcome at Salisbury yesterday.

Dead Certain made all to win the Rubbing House Maiden Stakes and trainer David Elsworth is now thinking *of running* her in the *Queen Mary Stakes* at Royal Ascot.

Ever Welcome, who got home by a neck from Alqirm in the Princeton Handicap, is in foal to Hadeer. "I'd like to run her again at Sandown on Monday," John FitzGerald, the winning trainer, said.

## CARTMEL

### Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Charlton Kings.
2.50 Sir Badsworth.
3.25 Space Fair.
4.00 Dry Gin.
4.35 Signore Odone.
5.10 Space Kate.

### Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ......... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

**Going: firm (hard in places)**

**2.15 NORTH WEST RACING CLUB SELLING HURDLE** (£1,429: 2m 1f) (8 runners)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 253531 | CHARLTON KINGS 13 (D,F,G) (D Bottomley) F Jordan 6-11-12 | J Lodder (7) | 95 |
| 2 | 32321 | HANSEATIC 6 (D,F) (Full Circle E Plc) N Tinkler 5-11-8 | G McCourt | 94 |
| 3 | P0P65 | BRITWYDD 6 (B) (Mrs K Ratcliffe) C Ratcliffe 6-11-4 | Mr R Ford (7) | 90 |
| 4 | 080434 | FALLING FOSS 18 (Mrs D Schreiber) P Beaumont 5-11-4 | P A Farrell | 86 |
| 5 | 060P | CHLOROPHYLL 85 (L Naylor) M Chapman 6-10-13 | R Fahey | — |
| 6 | P-8 | MISHMAGIC 16 (Miss S Williamson) Miss S Williamson 6-10-13 | Miss S Williamson | — |
| 7 | P00P | PELAGIAN ZEST 95 (Miss J Curran) E Alston 4-10-12 | K Doolan | 86 |
| 8 | 064455 | RASPBERRY COPSE 8 (B Critten) Miss G Rees 4-10-7 | W Worthington | ● 99 |

BETTING: 4-5 Hanseatic, 5-2 Charlton Kings, 8-1 Falling Foss, 16-1 Britwydd, Raspberry Copse, 25-1 others.

1988: LAHARNA GIRL 4-10-11 P Scudamore (4-7 fav) M Pipe 13 ran

**2.50 CASTLE EDEN HANDICAP CHASE** (£2,798: 2m 5f) (4 runners)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | BP1034 | SIR BADSWORTH 21 (C,F,G) (T Laxton) T Laxton 11-11-10 | G Bradley | ● 99 |
| 2 | 4PR/UP-U | BRINKWATER 4 (D,G) (J White) J White 13-10-8 | A Jones | — |
| 3 | B6-0F0F | DANCE OF LIFE 13 (C,F,G) (P Hamer) P Hamer 10-10-8 | Mr C Bridgett | — |
| 4 | 14U303 | BRUFF ACADEMY 18 (F) (R Paisley) R Paisley 8-10-0 | J K Kinane | 93 |

BETTING: 4-6 Sir Badsworth, 9-4 Bruff Academy, 8-1 Dance Of Life, 14-1 Brinkwater.

1988: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

**3.25 WHITBREAD TENANTS HANDICAP HURDLE** (£1,861: 2m 1f) (4 runners)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 116R11 | SPACE FAIR 11 (D,F,S) (W Owens) R Lee 6-12-0 | W McFarland (4) | ● 99 |
| 2 | 4-13312 | ABADJERO 11 (BF,F) (W Perratt) A Fowler 6-10-0 | D Byrne | 97 |
| 3 | 0000-04 | PRICEOFLOVE 16 (G,S) (Miss M Faragher) D Moffatt 9-10-0 | C Dennis (4) | — |
| 4 | 605600 | MAID MARINER 9 (F,G) (Mrs J Worthington) Miss G Rees 7-10-0 | W Worthington | 98 |

Long handicap: Abadjero 9-11, Priceoflove 9-3, Maid Mariner 8-7.

BETTING: 1-2 Space Fair, 5-2 Abadjero, 10-1 Priceoflove, 12-1 Maid Mariner.

1988: CLEVER FOLLY 8-12-0 P Tuck (7-2) G Richards 12 ran

**4.0 C RACING NOVICES CHASE** (£1,960: 2m 5f) (5 runners)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 151F32 | DRY GIN 18 (D,S) (L Naylor) M Chapman 8-11-8 | R Fahey | ● 99 |
| 2 | PPPPU | BAY SLEEVES 53 (J McKechnie) R Peacock 10-11-0 | S J O'Neill | — |
| 3 | P0P60/ | BUSHELLO 732 (J Thompson) J Thompson 14-11-0 | Mr P Craggs | — |
| 4 | 453023 | LIGHT TRAVELLER 7 (Miss E Curtis) R Barr 9-11-0 | Mr S Swiers (4) | 98 |
| 5 | 0P/ | PADDY'S GLEN 1310 (W Barker) Mrs P Barker 12-11-0 | C Hawkins | — |

BETTING: 4-6 Dry Gin, 13-8 Light Traveller, 25-1 Bay Sleeves, 33-1 Bushello, Paddy's Glen.

1988: FOUR TRIX 7-11-12 P Tuck (7-4) G Richards 5 ran

**4.35 WHITBREAD COACHING INNS NOVICES HURDLE** (£1,569: 2m 1f) (18 runners)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 122202 | NODFORMS DILEMMA 11 (CD,F,G,S) (M Emmerson) D Eddy 6-11-11 | M Dwyer | ● 99 |
| 2 | 2211 | SIGNORE ODONE 11 (F) (B Shaw) M H Easterby 7-11-11 | L Wyer | 93 |
| 3 | 513F12 | THE RED ONE 21 (BF,F) (J Hanson) J Hanson 5-11-11 | M Hammond | 95 |
| 4 | 461221 | ANBANREE 6 (F) (S Lee) D Murray Smith 6-11-6 | Mr P Verling (4) | 98 |
| 5 | 0P2358 | BATTLEAXE 12 (R Ball) Miss G Rees 5-11-3 | W Worthington | 77 |
| 6 | 060 | GOOD SEOUL 210 (Miss C Caroe) Miss C Caroe 5-11-3 | Dale McKeown | — |
| 7 | | MALTON PRIDE (J Beal) P Beaumont 6-11-3 | P A Farrell | — |
| 8 | 0PP-P | PADDYPROOF 18 (F Buxton) D Yeoman 8-11-3 | P A Farrell | — |
| 9 | PUPPUP | RED FLAME 9 (D Pritchard) C Beever 9-11-3 | C Dennis (4) | — |
| 10 | P0F051 | REDDY GIRL 60 (F) (M Allen) M Avison 5-11-2 | R Dunwoody | 93 |
| 11 | P | ANOTHER BIV 26 (Miss M Wilkin) P Beaumont 7-10-12 | Miss J Davies | — |
| 12 | 0-P | DOLITINO 32 (Miss Z Green) Miss Z Green 5-10-12 | J O' Gorman (4) | — |
| 13 | R | MARKHAM GIRL 64 (D Pritchard) C Beever 8-10-12 | R Garritty (7) | — |
| 14 | | OAKLANDS GREY (R Russ) Miss S Williamson 7-10-12 | Miss S Williamson | — |
| 15 | | SHEPPIE'S DOUBLE (G Barlow) G Barlow 6-10-12 | R Stronge | — |
| 16 | PP43P0 | WISCONSIN 8F (N Fletcher) M Chapman 5-10-12 | R Fahey | 95 |
| 17 | 0 | BRAMITO PANEDRY 11 (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 4-10-10 | Mr K Johnson (7) | — |
| 18 | 0P | SPANISH SONG 11F (L Naylor) M Chapman 4-10-10 | D Byrne | — |

BETTING: 5-2 The Red One, 11-4 Anbanree, 3-1 Signore Odone, 6-1 Reddy Girl, 13-2 Nodforms Dilemma, 20-1 Battleaxe, 33-1 others.

1988: NEXT DANCE 5-10-13 K Ryan (8-1) D Moffatt 14 ran

**5.10 HORACE D PAIN HANDICAP HURDLE** (Amateurs: £1,737: 2m 7f) (12 runners)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 452146 | DECENT MAN 35 (S) (J Reed) P Beaumont 6-11-10 | Mrs A Farrell (4) | 91 |
| 2 | 3521-P0 | QUALITY PRINCE 7 (S) (Mrs W Crump) M Avison 8-11-10 | H Brown (7) | 92 |
| 3 | 5-05322 | SPACE KATE 11 (W Owens) R Lee 8-11-8 | R Greene (7) | 95 |
| 4 | 035113 | NEW KINGSGROVE 8 (V,F,G,S) (P Purcell) P Monteith 10-11-8 | Miss V Jackson (7) | 90 |
| 5 | P03P44 | PADYKIN 8F (F,G) (S Freeman) M Chapman 9-11-3 | S Swiers (4) | — |
| 6 | 08051 | NUDGE DOUBLE UP 18 (F) (H Parker) J Edwards 4-11-3 | P Fenton | 96 |
| 7 | 5/600-0 | ALONE CYGNET 30 (S Robinson) J Leigh 6-10-9 | D Robinson (7) | — |
| 8 | 333005 | KIMACERO 13 (P Hamer) P Hamer 11-10-5 | C Bridgett (7) | ● 99 |
| 9 | 400/P-P6 | MAGNOX 20 (K Adey) N Chamberlain 8-10-3 | K Johnson (7) | — |
| 10 | 0P00FF | KARAMANAD 11 (Mrs J Waggott) N Waggott 7-10-2 | P Evans (7) | — |
| 11 | P6P0/U | BUCHANAN 109 (C,F) (S Robinson) M Chapman 14-10-2 | M Robinson (7) | — |
| 12 | 6P/P0- | SECRET SIN 350 (S) (Mrs N Craggs) P Craggs 12-10-2 | Mrs N Craggs (7) | — |

BETTING: 11-8 Space Kate, 3-1 Nudge Double Up, 6-1 New Kingsgrove, 8-1 Kimacero, 12-1 Quality Prince, 14-1 Decent Man, 25-1 others.

1988: BALMICELLO 8-10-11 Mr R Hale (16-1) R Bainbridge 15 ran

### Course specialists

| TRAINERS | Winners | Runners | Per cent | JOCKEYS | Winners | Rides | Per cent |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| D Eddy | 3 | 3 | 100.0 | M Dwyer | 6 | 15 | 40.0 |
| J Edwards | 3 | 7 | 42.9 | R Dunwoody | 3 | 11 | 27.3 |
| T Laxton | 3 | 9 | 33.3 | Mr P Craggs | 3 | 15 | 20.0 |
| W A Stephenson | 10 | 65 | 15.4 | K Doolan | 6 | 31 | 19.4 |
| D Yeoman | 3 | 24 | 12.5 | C Hawkins | 3 | 29 | 10.3 |
| (Only qualifiers) | | | | (Only qualifiers) | | | |

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# Bradleys cleared at hearing

By Graham Rock

Graham Bradley, exonerated of breaching the Rules of Racing on Starjestic at Southwell on March 23 by the disciplinary committee of the Jockey Club yesterday, asked to be given another chance by racing.

The 28-year-old jockey, one of the most accomplished of contemporary riders, was unseated by Starjestic at the third fence from home when last of the three runners in the Gaines Handicap Chase. The matter was referred to the stewards of the Jockey Club by the racecourse officials. Starjestic won over the same course and distance next time.

The Stewards heard evidence from Bradley, who was legally represented, Bradley's father Norman, who trains Starjestic, the stewards and other witnesses, including the betting intelligence officer. Both father and son were found innocent of any breach of Rule 151, which governs non-triers.

Afterwards Bradley, who has had a chequered career in the saddle, including breaches of the Rules for betting and a suspension of over four months for breaking Rule 151 two years ago, was clearly relieved that the committee had found in his favour.

"I was very successful when I was younger but unfortunately Michael Dickinson retired and ever since then things have gone slightly downhill.

"I'm only 28 and I feel I've still got plenty to offer. My credibility is not too good at the moment, but now that this business is out of the way hopefully that will be sorted out and somebody will give me a chance."

He admitted that the past few weeks had been stressful for the family. "The Jockey Club had to inquire, but I'm glad it went the right way. I'm disappointed we had to come down all this way but they could see all the evidence here, including photographs, and we knew we'd done nothing wrong."

## McKeown leaves

Dale McKeown left Epsom-based Reg Akehurst, his retaining trainer. Luke Harvey, currently with Tim Forster, has been linked with the position.

# Single authority is best way forward

Point-to-point
by Brian Beel

*The Times* Championship Hunter Chase final at Towcester on Friday is the last of the four national point-to-point championships, following the Land Rover, RMC and Audi events.

The RMC and Land Rover both moved away from Chep*stow this season and, while the* former had always been run there, the Land Rover, and its equivalents under seven different sponsors, lodged at Chepstow in 1975 after previously being run on three different course.

Running the RMC final on a Saturday this season was beyond the comprehension of all followers of the sport. This race is framed to attract the best horses running in ladies' races in point-to-points and one would expect also to attract followers from all areas to support their local heroes. Enthusiasts this year were faced with the dilemma of doing this or attending their local point-to-point.

I have argued before for one authority to control the running of point-to-points and hunter chases, and while some assume that the Jockey Club already do this, there is little co-ordination between racing between the flags, and, involving the same horses, on National Hunt racecourses.

Point-to-point racing is small beer to *Portman Square* and decisions which in the wider

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sense should be taken at local government level presently need to be approved by Cabinet.

If a sub-committee was formed from members of the Jockey Club and those presently giving advice, point-to-point and hunter chasing would be better co-ordinated, provided the sub-committee had the authority to organize and run the sport within set parameters.

First on the agenda may be the running of a National Hunt point-to-point festival where national finals would be run at the same time. The increasingly popular Cheltenham evening meeting might be extended to a second afternoon, or all the finals could take place on a point-to-point course.

Between these extremes, the meeting could move annually to courses in different areas of the country, the main criteria being the course has an efficient watering system and a high safety factor.

*TODAY'S MEETING:* Stevenstone (Stibb Cross) 9m S of Bideford (first race 5.30).

# Ensconse leads raid on Irish 1,000 Guineas

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Ensconse, favourite when fourth to Musical Bliss in the 1,000 Guineas, heads a five-strong English challenge for the Goffs-sponsored equivalent at the Curragh on Saturday. There are sixteen four-day acceptors.

Rae Guest's Aldbourne, a head in front of Ensconse at Newmarket, is expected to renew rivalry with the Luca Cumani-trained filly.

In the expectation that the Irish classic will be run at a much better gallop throughout, Ensconse, unsuited by the pedestrian early pace at Newmarket, is the ante-post favourite at 5-2.

The best of the Irish fillies would appear to be the Tommy Stack-trained Athasi Stakes winner Pirouette and Kevin Prendergast's Harp Lager 1,000 Guineas Trial winner Tursanah.

The English fillies will be attempting to duplicate the achievement of the colts who in last Saturday's 2,000 Guineas filled the first four places.

GOFFS' IRISH 1,000 GUINEAS (Group I: 3-Y-O fillies: Ir£121,250: 1m) (16 four-day acceptors)
Aldbourne; Blasted Heath; Dance Festival; Elegance in Design; Ensconce; Flamenco Wave; Glendeigh Summer; Glorielia; Honoria; Kyra; Pirouette; Rain Burst; Run To Jenny; Try My Rosie; Tursanah; Upward Trend.

## Salisbury results

Going: firm

2.0 (5f) 1, DEAD CERTAIN (S Cauthen, 6-4 fav); 2, Love Returned (B Raymond, 13-8); 3, Chepstow House (W Carson, 8-1). ALSO: 11-2 Love Street (4th), 14 Bermuda Lily, 16 Really Squidgely (6th), 50 Nanny Moors (5th). 7 ran. 1½l, 6l, ¾l, 6l, 2½l. D Elsworth at Whitsbury. Tote: £2.20; £1.40, £1.70. DF: £2.50. CSF: £4.48. 1min 00.51sec.

2.30 (6f) 1, DIVINE PET (B Rouse, 11-2); 2, Fabled Orator (A McGlone, 14-1); 3, African Safari (N Adams, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Royal Dartmouth (4th), 5 Penultimation, 6 Nawwar (6th), 8 Young Inca, 12 London Standard, 20 Batchworth Dancer, Damaskeen, All Honesty, 25 Sitex, 66 Mr Kewmill (5th). 13 ran. NR: Say Shanaz. Hd, hd, 1l, 3l, nk. W Wightman at Upham. Tote: £5.80; £1.70, £3.50, £4.50. DF: £67.00. CSF: £89.75. Tricast: £801.69. 1min 13.55sec.

3.0 (1m) 1, SKAZKA (S O'Gorman, 9-2 fav); 2, Woodside Mill (B Rouse, 5-1); 3, Cooks Gorse (R Cochrane, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Hall Of Mirrors, Salmonid, 8 Elenos, 14 Jacamar (4th), Exceisis (5th), 20 Kalaparty (6th), 25 Mister Oddy, 50 Scanner Lad. 11 ran. NR: Regent Light. ¾l, 2½l, 6l, nk, ¾l. I Balding at Kingsclere. Tote: £4.70; £2.00, £1.10, £2.10. DF: £7.30. CSF: £25.30. Tricast: £158.81. 1min 40.89sec. After a stewards' inquiry the result stood.

3.30 (7f) 1, MARK BIRLEY (Pat Eddery, 8-1); 2, Propera (S Cauthen, 15-2); 3, Jole De Rose (R Cochrane, 14-1); 4, Bahrain Bridge (R Curant, 11-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 7 Merseyside Man, 9 Saulire, 12 Final Madness, 14 Electric Rose, 16 Snow Harbor (6th), 20 Baligay, Castleacre, Single Shooter (5th), Belhaven Special, Moon Warrior, Flying Junction, 33 Dr Sock It To Me, Crystal Heights, Sporting Idol, Steady Love. 19 ran. NR: Super Morning. Hd, 2l, ½l, ¾l, nk. P Walwyn at Seven Barrows. Tote: £8.90; £2.20, £2.80, £3.10, £1.60. DF: £25.10. CSF: £61.97. Tricast: £753.88. 1min 28.12sec. After a stewards' inquiry the result stood.

4.0 (1m 2f) 1, EVER WELCOME (S Cauthen, 13-2); 2, Alqirm (Pat Eddery, 4-1 jt-fav); 3, Vintage (S Mulvey, 20-1); 4, Rapid Lad (N Howe, 12-1). ALSO: 4-1 jt-fav Dusty Emerald, 9-2 Petamo, 12 Sonic Lord, 14 Canoness (6th), Honour The Wind, 16 Bethel Orchard, 20 Blackguard, Captain Cute, 25 Gibbot, 33 Tebitto, Marchman (5th), Hallow Fair, Majestic Groom, 66 Flood Mark. 18 ran. Nk, 1½l, sh hd, sh hd, sh hd. John FitzGerald at Newmarket. Tote: £6.50; £2.10, £1.50, £7.70, £4.10. DF: £9.50. CSF: £33.56. Tricast: £483.58. 2min 06.55sec.

4.30 (1m 4f) 1, FOREIGN ASSET (G Starkey, 7-2); 2, Anmabrienna (W Carson, 5-2 fav); 3, Amellanne (S Cauthen, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Castle Secret, 15-2 Drumhead (6th), 9 Amaredo, 12 Rapporteur, 14 Emperors Warrior, Northern Brave (4th), Sparkler Gebe, 16 Springs Welcome (5th), 20 Broken Line, 33 Cerro Tololo, Flaming Gorge, Hellenic Prince, Sixteen Acres, Debach Darkness. 17 ran. 1l, 2l, 2l, 2l, nk. G Harwood at Pulborough. Tote: £4.40; £1.90, £1.90, £2.60. DF: £7.90. CSF: £14.20. 2min 38.08sec.

Placepot: £53.80.

## Beverley

Going: firm

2.15 (1m 100yd) 1, Ajrass (W R Swinburn, Evens fav); 2, Drumstick (6-1); 3, Sarhan (4-1). 11 ran. 3l, 1½l. M Stoute. Tote: £2.00; £1.40, £1.80, £1.20. DF: £4.80. CSF: £7.32.

2.45 (7f 110yd) 1, Chazo (M Rimmer, 12-1); 2, Coral Sword (S Perks, 16-1); 3, Mafaza (8-1). Maximum Man 4-1 fav. 13 ran. nk, 3l. M Tompkins. Tote: £12.40; £3.30, £3.80, £2.60. DF: £71.90. CSF: £173.07. Tricast: £1154.31.

3.15 (5f) 1, Trojan Excel (P Burke, 11-2); 2, Dancing Tender (7-2); 3, What Happens Next (10-1). Takeall 11-4 fav. 11 ran. sh hd, 5l. C Tinkler. Tote: £6.10; £1.70, £1.80, £3.20. DF: £11.20. CSF: £25.82. No bid. After a stewards inquiry the result stands.

3.45 (5f) 1, Vermont (R P Elliott, 7-1); 2, Kumada (15-2); 3, Confidence (12-1). Metal Boys 2-1 fav. 16 ran. NR: Hotfoot Henry. ½l, hd. Ron Thompson. Tote: £16.30; £3.00, £2.20, £3.90. DF: £166.80. CSF: £64.14. After a stewards inquiry the results stands.

4.15 (1m 4f) 1, Dawn Love (A Culhane, 7-1); 2, Fall About (12-1); 3, Come To Terms (7-2 fav); 4, Impunity (10-1). 16 ran. sh hd, 3, 1l. R Hollinshead. Tote: £9.50; £2.80, £5.30, £1.50, £2.80. DF: £97.60. CSF: £93.43. Tricast: £326.37.

4.45 (1m 2f) 1, Taffia (J Reid, 8-11 fav: Mandarin's nap); 2, Desert Bluebell (12-1); 3, Winged Foot (50-1). 8 ran. NR: Doc Lodge. hd, 10l. W Jarvis. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £2.50, £4.00. DF: £8.40. CSF: £8.04. Alshahhad (6-1) withdrawn, 10p deduction in the pound.

Placepot: £250.60.

# Monday's late results

## Folkestone

Going: firm

7.15 (5f) 1, Red Henry (T Ives, 15-8); 2, Between The Sticks (6-5 fav); 3, Lord Glen (5-1). 6 ran. 1¼l, sh hd. W O'Gorman. Tote: £2.50; £1.70, £1.80. DF: £2.20. CSF: £4.23.

7.45 (1m 2f) 1, Vellias (R Hills, 3-1); 2, Children's Joie (9-1); 3, Jayland (14-1). Lissahane Lass 11-4 fav. 14 ran. NR: Rochelor. 4l, ½l. John FitzGerald. Tote: £5.20; £2.30, £2.90, £4.10. DF: £23.90. CSF: £34.01.

8.15 (1m 4f) 1, Rosen (Pat Eddery, 11-10 fav); 2, Blake's Progress (16-1); 3, Ahwak (15-8). 9 ran. NR: Silk Degrees. 2l, 2½l. G Harwood. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £3.30, £1.10. DF: £9.20. CSF: £17.70.

8.45 (1m 2f) 1, Booby Prize (Dale Gibson, 8-1); 2, Ebro (14-1); 3, Truce (25-1). Monks Folie 7-2 fav. 14 ran. NR: Banker Mason. 1l, 2l. G Lewis. Tote: £5.10; £3.20, £3.00, £10.00. DF: £53.60. CSF: £110.60. Tricast: £2,464.00.

Placepot: £47.10

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CRICKET: AUSTRALIANS IN DEVASTATING FORM AS THEY EARN THEIR FIRST VICTORY OVER YORKSHIRE IN 25 YEARS

# Boon gives warning with another one-day century

By Simon Wilde

*HEADINGLEY (Australians won toss): The Australians beat Yorkshire by 109 runs*

The Australians limbered up for the Texaco Trophy starting at Old Trafford tomorrow with an emphatic one-day victory yesterday over Yorkshire, whom they last beat 25 years ago.

Central to an unarguable total of 297 for three off their 55 overs were the prolific Boon, who hit 172 off 157 balls, and Jones, who made a successful return after fracturing a cheekbone only two weeks ago with 89 not out.

Boon's exhibition of strokeplay was fit to live with anything the best West Indian batsmen produce. He reeled off shots all round the wicket: crashing cover drives, punched square cuts, ferocious pulls and hooks and fierce on-drives. He took full advantage of a true pitch, shorn of almost all its grass, and an almost absurdly short boundary on the Popular side to plunder 21 fours and three sixes.

Many of his boundaries gave the fielders virtually no chance of cutting the ball off, while spectators were rendered equally helpless, one low skimming six gashing the forehead of one luckless onlooker. Boon is in devasting form at present and, ominously for England tomorrow, yesterday's innings was his third century in successive one-day matches.

After a heavy shower had delayed the start 40 minutes, he began with due assurance, racing into the forties with some severe blows off Sidebottom and Jarvis, who nevertheless bowled with pace and accuracy. Jones's arrival brought a judicious lull before both batsmen opened up after lunch. Boon's hundred came off only 120 balls but this was tame progress compared with his third 50, which occupied just 26 balls and contained 38 in boundaries, many off Pickles, who deserved better after his first spell.

By the later stages Boon seemed determined to throw away his wicket but to the delight of a crowd of 6,500, now enjoying bright sunshine, he survived two chances to Jarvis, the first much easier than the second, on 115 and 159. He overshadowed both Marsh, with whom he put on 66, and Jones, who shared in a partnership of 184 in 31 overs (the last 97 in 10).

Jones benefited from Boon's pyrotechnics, which enabled him to make a cautious reacquaintance with batting from beneath a well constructed helmet. Though he was never in any trouble, he picked his shots carefully until the end, when he had batted 2¼ hours and accumulated eight fours and one six. His running was typically rapid, sometimes almost recklessly so, on one occasion earning a rebuke from Boon, his partner.

Yorkshire began badly in reply, losing Metcalfe in the second over, Blakey in the ninth and Sharp, to Rackemann's first ball, in the fourteenth. However, Moxon, in his first match of the season, having fractured an arm in training, made an even more authoritative return than Jones.

By tea he had stroked his way to 48 but 215 were then wanted at more than seven an over. There was a time when the Australians regarded their game with Yorkshire as virtually another Test match, but this was more a mis-match.

AUSTRALIANS

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| D C Boon b Sidebottom | 172 |
| G R Marsh c and b Pickles | 14 |
| D M Jones not out | 89 |
| S R Waugh b Jarvis | 13 |
| †T J Zoehrer not out | 1 |
| Extras (lb 3, w 3, nb 2) | 8 |
| Total (3 wkts, 55 overs) | 297 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-66, 2-250, 3-283.
*A R Border, T M Moody, T V Hohns, G D Campbell, M G Hughes, C G Rackemann did not bat.
BOWLING: Sidebottom 11-1-64-1; Jarvis 11-1-62-1; Pickles 11-2-48-1; Carrick 11-1-47-0; Hartley 4-1-31-0; Byas 3-0-18-0; Moxon 4-0-24-0.

YORKSHIRE

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| M D Moxon b Hohns | 55 |
| A A Metcalfe b Hughes | 2 |
| R J Blakey c Zoehrer b Campbell | 2 |
| K Sharp b Rackemann | 6 |
| D Byas c Zoehrer b Moody | 13 |
| †D L Bairstow c Moody b Waugh | 46 |
| S N Hartley c Marsh b Moody | 5 |
| *P Carrick c Zoehrer b Waugh | 17 |
| A Sidebottom b Waugh | 2 |
| P W Jarvis c Zoehrer b Jones | 15 |
| C S Pickles not out | 5 |
| Extras (b 5, lb 1, w 1, nb 13) | 20 |
| Total (48.2 overs) | 188 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-15, 3-23, 4-86, 5-90, 6-105, 7-144, 8-163, 9-179.
BOWLING: Campbell 8-2-14-1; Hughes 6-0-11-1; Rackemann 6-0-31-1; Waugh 9-1-41-3; Moody 8-2-23-2; Hohns 11-0-62-1; Jones 0.2-0-0-1.
Umpires: N T Plews and J H Hampshire.

## Hick declines

**Brisbane (AFP) — Graeme Hick, the Zimbabwean-born Worcestershire batsman, has changed his mind about playing in Australia despite lucrative offers to do so. Hick informed the Queensland Cricket Association yesterday that he will not be coming to Australia. He had declined an earlier approach from New South Wales and Grantley Evans, the Queensland secretary, said Hick had now decided not to come for personal reasons.**

SIMON DEWHURST

On guard: Jones on his way to his unbeaten innings of 89 against Yorkshire yesterday

TENNIS

# Britain give cold shoulder to a man wanted by Swedes

From Richard Evans, Düsseldorf

There will be an Englishman in the captain's chair when Sweden play Argentina here today in the World Team Cup, an eight-nation competition for which Britain did not qualify. When the Swedish team assembled here, the top-ranking Swede, Stefan Edberg, exercising the powers given him under World Cup rules asked his own coach, Tony Pickard, to assume the role of captain.

"If the British don't want to make use of his talents, we are certainly most happy to do so," Edberg said. "None of the senior Swedish coaches are here this year so it seemed perfectly natural to ask Tony to do it."

Pickard, who captained Britain's Davis Cup and Galea Cup teams in the early 1970s before parting company with the LTA, was able to accept the role of Swedish captain because World Cup rules do not stipulate that captains should be the same nationality as their team, as is the case in the Davis Cup. "When I arrived, Stefan just said: 'You've been nominated captain,' and I thought why not?" Pickard said.

"It's nice to feel appreciated, and, anyway, after six years with Stefan, I know all the Swedes so well that it doesn't feel at all strange."

It is, of course, ironic, that a nation which has won the Davis Cup three times in the last five years and this competition in 1988 should turn to a man who did not even receive a note of congratulation from the LTA when he coached Edberg to the Wimbledon title last year.

Pickard, who tends to speak his mind in much the same manner as his friend, Brian Clough, makes up in drive and commitment for what he lacks in diplomacy, and it is absurd that a coach of his track record continues to be ignored at home where success seems to be measured now by an ability to beat Finland.

A fine recovery from Tim Mayotte, who struggled initially against Jacob Hlasek, helped propel the United States to a 2-0 winning lead over Switzerland but the day's excitement was reserved for West Germany's hard-earned win over Spain.

# McEnroe a Paris absentee

John McEnroe has pulled out of the French Open, which begins in Paris on Monday, because of continued problems with a strained back (Richard Evans writes). That is the official reason given out by ATP and despite what the cynics might think, there is some truth to it.

McEnroe has suffered from a chronic condition in his lower back for some years and it was troubling him again when he played an exhibition event in The Netherlands two weeks ago.

However, nothing is that simple with McEnroe. He has been playing well enough this year to have an outside chance of winning a grand slam title on a surface that suits him, which means Wimbledon's grass. So, like Martina Navratilova he is loath to risk form and fitness on clay two weeks before Wimbledon.

FRENCH OPEN SEEDINGS: Men: 1, I Lendl (Cz); 2, B Becker (WG); 3, S Edberg (Swe); 4, M Wilander (Swe); 5, A Agassi (US); 6, J Hlasek (Switz); 7, T Mayotte (US); 8, M Mecir (Cz); 9, J Connors (US); 10, K Carlsson (Swe); 11, A Mancini (Arg); 12, E Sánchez (Sp); 13, Y Noah (Fr); 14, A Krickstein (US); 15, M Chang (US); 16, G Pérez-Roldán (Arg). Women: 1, S Graf (WG); 2, G Sabatini (Arg); 3, C Evert (US); 4, N Zvereva (USSR); 5, Z Garrison (US); 6, H Sukova (Cz); 7, M Maleeva (Bul); 8, A Sánchez (Sp); 9, C Martinez (Sp); 10, K Maleeva (Bul); 11, H Kelesi (Can); 12, J Novotna (Cz); 13, L McNeil (US); 14, C Kohde-Kilsch (WG); 15, H Mandlikova (Aus); 16, M J Fernandez (US).

# Fine entry heads for Edgbaston

**Martina Navratilova, Zina Garrison and Pam Shriver head the list of entries for the Dow Classic, to be held at the Edgbaston Priory Club next month (Barry Wood writes). British interest is represented by Sara Gomer, Jo Durie, Monique Javer, Clare Wood and Anne Hobbs.**

**Jennifer Capriati, the Floridian, aged 13, who won the 18 and under clay-court title last year, will feature in the under-21 event during the Pilkington Glass championships at Eastbourne.**

**The impressive field also includes Arantxa Sánchez, who is 10 in the world, and Jana Novotna, who both wish to obtain grass-court practice for Wimbledon without risking their computer rankings.**

● **The Wimbledon champion, Stefan Edberg, heads the entry for the £222,000 Stella Artois championships at Queen's Club from June 12 to 18.**

**A strong Russian contingent includes Andrei Chesnokov, who has signed professional terms with the American agents, Proserv. He fell out with Soviet tennis authorities two weeks ago when they gave him a second-class overnight train ticket to get to Hamburg after winning the Bavarian Open at Munich.**

# Reader assistance for Essex bowlers

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

**At a time when the shortcomings of English cricketers are largely being blamed on the basic tools of their trade, no one can assess the problems from greater strength than Graham Gooch.**

**Gooch has led Essex through a vivid purple patch, surely the best start to a season by any club within the modern fixture framework. They have won 12 of their first 13 matches in three competitions and done so with flair and resolve indicating a fierce desire to reclaim from Worcestershire the label of England's strongest county.**

**Today Gooch temporarily takes his leave to join England on the Texaco Trophy road show, where inevitably, dressing-room conversation will focus on the issues of the moment — bats, balls and pitches and their influence over the fact that the quicker bowlers have unreasonably dominated the early weeks of the season.**

**None has been more destructive than the Essex trio. In four championship games, Neil Foster, Derek Pringle and Don Topley have shared a remarkable 70 wickets at an average cost of just 11 runs. John Childs, the left-arm spin bowler, who ended last season in the England team, has played in all four games yet been called upon to bowl only once.**

**Essex have slaughtered their last two championship opponents inside two days but on neither occasion has the pitch been reported unsuitable. Indeed, during the carnage on Monday at Bristol, where 40 wickets fell in two days, a telephone call from Lord's enquired about conditions only to find the captains adamant that no action was necessary.**

**Gooch explains: "It was an unusually bouncy pitch, the sort on which 200 is a reasonable total. The low scores were due mainly to bad batting and the difference was that our seamers bowled straighter than theirs, just as they have done all season.**

**"We have some high-class bowlers in our side, as good as any in the country. And so far we have played on pitches which helped them. They have done their job well and we have managed to make enough runs to keep winning."**

**Gooch himself has had much to do with this, averaging above 50 in both championship and limited-overs cricket, but as one of the few batsmen who has conquered the various hazards that this season has thrown up, his views are significant.**

**"I cannot accept that heavy bats have contributed to the low scores," he said. "They are not new and those who use them, like myself, feel comfortable with them.**

**"Most pitches around the country have bounced and seamed more than usual. Generally they have done too much to be ideal. I am not expert enough to criticize pitch preparation but I do feel that the Reader balls have been a factor.**

**"The seams on them are very prominent. Speaking as a batsman, I think they are too big, because they exaggerate any assistance from the pitch but our bowlers naturally want to use them.**

**"Gubby Allen recently showed me the sort of balls which were used between 30 and 50 years ago. I was astonished that the seams were insignificant, virtually flush with the leather. It is no wonder they made so many runs in those days."**

**Essex's depth will be examined for the first time over the coming week with Foster and Pringle joining Gooch in the England squad. Brian Hardie will take over the captaincy for the weekend matches against Somerset.**

# Greig seizes the initiative

By Martin Searby

*EDGBASTON: Surrey (23pts) bt Warwickshire (5) by four runs*

Andrew Moles failed to produce the necessary magic for his team in a 6½-hour innings against a very brave Surrey side which admirably stuck to its guns to win their first championship match of the summer.

Moles was a model of patience as he scored his eighth century for Warwickshire but with Surrey maintaining attacking fields, particularly when Medlycott was bowling his left arm spin without a man back, he was never able to seize the initiative from Greig, who led the side with genuine flair.

The Surrey captain kept his nerve throughout an intense and enthralling last day and was crucially able to take the new ball for the final five overs when 13 runs were wanted with two wickets left. Bicknell and Feltham served him admirably by maintaining line and length at, or just outside, the off stump

Pierson was caught at third slip with six wanted and Moles, in desperation, had a compulsory dart at the second ball at the final over, missed and undid his previous good work to give Surrey victory with four balls to spare.

Warwickshire cannot be happy with their batting because Din, Kallicharran and Reeve attempted futile shots after a sound opening stand of 60 inside 28 overs. Paul Smith and the young Piper tipped the balance Warwickshire's way but Moles, with 10 boundaries from the 287 deliveries he faced, never dominated the attack and his art was survival.

Bicknell's nine for 110 and Donald's eight for 96 match figures amply illustrate the dominance of ball over bat, despite Warwickshire making their best total in eight efforts so far.

Such is the frailty of modern technique against the moving ball there will be many more days like this.

SURREY: First innings 293 (A J Stewart 68; P A Smith 5 for 82). Second innings 108 (A A Donald 5 for 18).
WARWICKSHIRE: First innings 190 (M P Bicknell 6 for 64).

Second innings

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| A J Moles b Feltham | 100 |
| *T A Lloyd lbw b M P Bicknell | 35 |
| Asif Din c Stewart b M P Bicknell | 0 |
| A I Kallicharran lbw b M P Bicknell | 5 |
| D A Reeve c Ward b Feltham | 7 |
| P A Smith lbw b Murphy | 20 |
| †K J Piper c Feltham b Murphy | 13 |
| G C Small lbw b Murphy | 10 |
| A A Donald lbw b Feltham | 0 |
| A R K Pierson c Alikhan b Feltham | 5 |
| T A Munton not out | 0 |
| Extras (b 3, lb 6, nb 2) | 11 |
| Total | 207 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60, 2-69, 3-81, 4-102, 5-127, 6-164, 7-187, 8-188, 9-206.
BOWLING: M P Bicknell 29-8-48-3; Feltham 27.2-7-69-4; Murphy 33-9-62-3; Medlycott 15-8-22-0.
Umpires: J W Holder and R J Julian.

## Britannic Assurance Championship table

| | P | W | L | D | Bt | Bl | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lancashire (9) | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 15 | 16 | 79 |
| Northants (12) | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 20 | 77 |
| Essex (3) | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 16 | 71 |
| Middlesex (8) | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 16 | 56 |
| Hampshire (15) | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 13 | 13 | 42 |
| Somerset (11) | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 14 | 40 |
| Surrey (4) | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 14 | 39 |
| Glamorgan (17) | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 14 | 36 |
| Notts (5) | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 11 | 35 |
| Leics (7) | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 12 | 34 |
| Derbyshire (14) | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 12 | 33 |
| Worcs (1) | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 12 | 31 |
| Warwickshire (6) | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 16 | 28 |
| Sussex (16) | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 12 | 20 |
| Kent (2) | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 12 | 19 |
| Glouc's (10) | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 12 |
| Yorkshire (13) | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 10 |

(1988 positions in brackets)
● Warwickshire total includes 8pts for drawn game where scores finished level.

# Lancashire revel in the chase

By Richard Streeton

*TAUNTON: Lancashire (21pts) beat Somerset (7) by six wickets*

Everything favoured Lancashire yesterday as they surged to their third successive win in the Britannic Assurance championship and moved to the top of the table. Somerset, who were reduced by injuries to only three frontline bowlers, bravely set them a target of 300 to win in what proved to be 58 overs but they had little realistic chance of winning themselves.

Lancashire are as well equipped to chase a large target in ideal conditions as any side in the championship. Unless anything went badly wrong, the odds were always going to be against Somerset, who had been duty bound to keep the match alive after Lancashire declared on Monday 96 runs behind.

Mendis, Fowler and Fairbrother contributed to a good foundation from which to launch the closing assault before getting themselves out in the search for runs. The chase was then carried through by Jesty and Watkinson, the experienced old hand and a long-term successor as a hard-hitting all-rounder. When Jesty finished the game with a flourish of boundaries, their stand was worth 141 in 21 overs and Lancashire had 19 balls in hand.

With Rose still absent with a back strain, Somerset could only call on Jones and Mallender, two fast-medium bowlers, and Scriven, the left-arm spinner, playing his third championship match, to fulfil the main bowling work. Roebuck was also enlisted to try to keep the batsmen quiet.

In spite of Somerset's weakened attack, this was a creditable performance by Lancashire. They needed 123 when the last 20 overs began and Watkinson provided the impetus when he off-drove two sixes against Scriven in an over that cost 18 runs. Watkinson next straight-drove Roebuck for six and only 50 were were wanted from the last 10 overs. Jesty finished with a six and 11 fours

Roebuck and Bartlett batted confidently earlier before Somerset lost three wickets just before lunch. Afterwards Hardy and Burns took runs against the occasional bowlers before the declaration.

SOMERSET: First innings 399 for 4 dec (S J Cook 156, C J Tavaré 153; Bowling: DeFreitas 17-2-51-0; Allott 17-6-42-0; Watkinson 15-0-46-1; Hayhurst 16-3-52-1; Simmons 33-4-122-1; Hughes 12-0-70-1).

Second innings

| | |
|---|---|
| S J Cook lbw b Allott | 17 |
| P M Roebuck c Hegg B Hughes | 66 |
| R J Bartlett c Hughes b Simmons | 48 |
| *C J Tavaré st Hegg b Hughes | 1 |
| J J E Hardy not out | 24 |
| †N D Burns not out | 38 |
| Extras (b 4, lb 1, w 2, nb2) | 9 |
| Total (4 wkts dec) | 203 |

R J Harden, G D Rose, N A Mallender, A N Jones and T J A Scriven did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-56, 2-136, 3-140, 4-141.
BOWLING: DeFreitas 10-2-24-0; Allott 9-2-23-1; Jesty 5-1-23-0; Watkinson 4-0-17-0; Simmons 9-2-28-1; Hughes 5-0-25-2; Fowler 4-0-24-0; Fairbrother 5-0-29-0; Mendis 2-0-5-0.
LANCASHIRE: First innings 303 for 8 dec (G Fowler 96, †W K Hegg 58; A N Jones 3 for 97).

Second innings

| | |
|---|---|
| G D Mendis st Burns b Scriven | 69 |
| G Fowler c Burns b Mallender | 20 |
| †W K Hegg b Scriven | 2 |
| N H Fairbrother c Tavaré b Jones | 47 |
| T E Jesty not out | 93 |
| M Watkinson not out | 59 |
| Extras (b 3, lb 16, nb 32) | 22 |
| Total (4 wkts) | 302 |

A N Hayhurst, *D P Hughes, P A J DeFreitas, P J W Allott, J Simmons did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-56, 2-61, 3-128, 4-161.
BOWLING: Jones 14.5-2-73-1; Mallender 13-0-70-1; Scriven 16-3-68-2; Roebuck 11-1-52-0.
Umpires: D J Constant and M J Kitchen.

GOLF

# Dobson breaks in new clubs smartly

By Patricia Davies

Some people might find the combination of a week-old set of clubs, an even newer driver and a course they have played only once before a bit of a liability, especially on the opening day of a national championship. Not Helen Dobson.

Yesterday, she traversed Burnham and Berrow's fast-running humps and hollows in 69, six under par, to take a four-shot lead after the first qualifying round of the English women's amateur, sponsored by Canyamel Golf, Majorca.

Dobson, aged 18, is from Seacroft, a Lincolnshire links near Skegness, and she found the Somerset course familiar, despite having had only 1½ practice rounds. She plays golf from morning till night, only occasionally having enough energy left to help wash up the glasses in her father's new pub, and such dedication explains why she needed a new set of irons after only 16 months — she had worn away the grooves.

Dobson has already won the British and English girls' titles, has senior representative honours to her name and yesterday put together a round that contained eight birdies, four in each nine. She picked up shots at the second, fourth and seventh, all par fives which she can reach in two, although she did not, and the short fifth, where she hit an eight-iron to six feet, wisely avoiding the wicked bunker at the front of the green. Carole Caldwell, a former Curtis Cup player, took five to get out of it, not helped by her own footprints, but still finished with an 81.

Dobson moved to five under with a birdie three at the 10th before dropping a shot at the 12th, a par four which gave a lot of people a lot of trouble. Three birdies in a row followed — she was on in two at the long 13th and 15th and had a two at the short 14th — and she dropped her only other shot at the 17th, where she pulled her three-iron tee shot left of the green.

Dobson's exhibition distracted from the lifetime best performances of Caroline Hall and Joanna Gillings, who both broke par for the first time. Hall, aged 15, a new member at Burnham, had 16 pars and two birdies in her 73, which may be a tribute to her father's persuasive powers. A deputy headmaster, he persuaded his daughter's headmaster to allow her to work her studies round her golf this year, rather than vice versa.

Julie Hall, the defending champion, had an 80 that included a nine at the 13th.

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES: 69: H Dobson (Seacroft). 73: C Hall (Filton). 74: J Coffingham (Notts Ladies); J Gillings (Goodwood). 75: J Morley (Soton); L Beyman (Berkshire); S Morgan (Hearsall). 76: J Brown (Haydock Park). 77: M King (Rochford Hundred); K Nicholls (Enmore Park); A Johns (Boston).

# Aberdovey surprise champions

Aberdovey gave further credence to the saying that life begins at 40 by producing two giant-killing acts beyond their wildest dreams on another glorious day at Conwy yesterday to enter the semi-finals of the Welsh women's team championship (Chris Smart writes).

Fielding a side whose members are all around middle age or beyond, they disposed of the defending champions, Pennard, by three matches to two and then eliminated Llandudno by the same margin.

RESULTS: Third round: Aberdovey bt Pennard 3-2, North Wales beat Radyr 4-1, Maesdu (Llandudno) beat Llantrisant and Pontyclun 3-2, Bargoed beat Conwy 3-2, Royal Porth Cail beat Glamorganshire 3-2, Royal Saint David beat Monmouthshire 3-2, Holyhead beat Wrexham 3½-1½, Whitchurch beat Prestatyn 4-1. Quarter-finals: Aberdovey beat North Wales 3-2 and Maesdu beat Bargoed 3½-1½.

● The Welsh team for the European amateur championship at Royal Porthcawl at the end of June will be:

S P Dodd (Brynhill), K G Jones (Worplesdon), M A Macara (Maesdu, Llandudno), J L Peters (Southerndown), J P Price (Pontypridd), R N Rockett (Clyne). Reserves: J N Lee (Cardiff), C Rees (Ashburnham).

# WICBC to relent on life bans

Franklyn Stephenson, the Nottinghamshire all-rounder, yesterday welcomed the news that the West Indian cricket authorities had softened their position on cricketers who, like him, have played in South Africa.

Stephenson, aged 30, is one of 26 West Indians banned from international cricket for life. On Monday, the West Indian Cricket Board of Control (WICBC), which was meeting in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, decided to invite those players to seek to have the suspensions lifted.

Yesterday, Stephenson said: "Everybody wants to represent their country and I'm no exception. All I can do is keep playing well for Notts and hope I get my chance. Although I am pleased with the board's decision, I wasn't altogether suprised. I was expecting the ban to be lifted at some stage."

The WICBC has moved in line with other member countries of the International Cricket Conference by agreeing to apply suspensions of three to five years on players who make unsanctioned tours of South Africa. A WICBC spokesman said: "West Indies players who have had sporting contact with South Africa prior to March 31, 1989, can now apply for reinstatement."

# Gladwin back and may open for Derbyshire

The former Essex batsman, Chris Gladwin, who has been out of the first-class game since 1987, is to resume his career with Derbyshire against Yorkshire in the Britannic Assurance county championship match at Headingley today.

Gladwin, aged 27, who was once Graham Gooch's opening partner, was registered by Derbyshire at the weekend after spending last season playing minor counties cricket for Suffolk.

With Barnett in the England party for the Texaco Trophy matches against the Australians starting at Old Trafford tomorrow, Gladwin is likely to open the innings.

Gladwin made his first appearance for Essex in 1981, winning his county cap three years later when he enjoyed his best season scoring 1,396 runs. He was released but after a successful stay with Suffolk, he approached Derbyshire at the start of this season and was given his chance after making 75 in a second-team game.

Yorkshire will be without the fast bowler, Darren Gough, aged 18, who will miss the rest of the season because of a back injury.

Roy Pienaar, of South Africa, could play his first championship match of the season for Kent against Leicestershire at Leicester. Pienaar, who has been recovering from knee operations, Graham Cowdrey, who has recovered from a hamstring injury, and Richard Ellison, who was left out of the last match, are in the squad. Justin Benson replaces Gower in Leicestershire's side.

Keith Butler, a right-handed batsman, makes his first appearance for Essex against Cambridge University at Fenner's today. Kevin Thomas, a right-arm seam bowler, will also make his first appearance as long as he passes a late test on a back injury.

Hardie captains the side while Graham Gooch and Derek Pringle are with England.

Surrey will be without their overseas fast bowlers. Tazelaar and Clarke, for the match with Lancashire at the Oval tomorrow. Both are injured.

Nottinghamshire will be without Stephenson and the wicketkeeper, French, for their fixture against Worcestershire at New Road.

Stephenson injured a hamstring in the drawn game against Hampshire at Trent Bridge while French will be out of action for at least three weeks with a broken finger. Cairns and Scott will replace them.

David Boden, a seam bowler, will play for Middlesex in their match against Oxford University at the Parks. Hutchinson, Brown, Sykes and Tufnell are also likely to play.

# New sponsor for indoor tournament

The National Cricket Association indoor six-a-side tournament, which keeps players from more than 2,000 clubs competitively involved during the off-season, is to be sponsored by National Westminster Bank (Marcus Williams writes).

They will put up £10,000 a year and the NatWest Indoor Cup for the next three years.

The 14-year-old event, whose semi-finals and finals are played at Lord's annually in March, has been without an overall sponsor since 1982. The present champions are Sherborne, who defeated Pudsey St Lawrence off the last ball of the final this year.

## FIRST-CLASS AVERAGES

### Bowling

| | Over | Md | Runs | Wk | BB | SI | Ave |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| T D Topley | 93.5 | 25 | 240 | 22 | 5-30 | 1 | 10.90 |
| D R Pringle | 140.4 | 35 | 279 | 24 | 5-38 | 2 | 11.62 |
| N A Foster | 136.1 | 41 | 297 | 24 | 4-14 | - | 12.37 |
| N G B Cook | 101.1 | 43 | 166 | 13 | 4-62 | - | 12.76 |
| A A Donald | 142.0 | 34 | 343 | 24 | 5-18 | 1 | 14.29 |
| S R Barwick | 169.1 | 73 | 272 | 18 | 7-47 | 1 | 15.11 |
| S P Hughes | 89.5 | 26 | 227 | 15 | 3-20 | - | 15.13 |
| N G Cowans | 122.5 | 33 | 303 | 20 | 5-34 | 1 | 15.15 |
| G R Dilley | 108.2 | 21 | 316 | 20 | 5-28 | 2 | 15.80 |
| K P Evans | 76.0 | 18 | 213 | 12 | 3-20 | - | 17.75 |
| P D Stephenson | 136.1 | 32 | 428 | 24 | 7-38 | 2 | 17.83 |
| R J Maru | 173.1 | 57 | 346 | 19 | 6-41 | 1 | 18.21 |
| N A Mallender | 158.1 | 43 | 401 | 22 | 7-62 | 2 | 18.22 |
| Wasim Akram | 145.0 | 36 | 333 | 18 | 6-70 | 2 | 18.50 |
| G C Small | 154.3 | 39 | 380 | 20 | 5-55 | 1 | 19.00 |
| P W Jarvis | 109.2 | 35 | 263 | 13 | 5-77 | 1 | 20.23 |
| S L Watkin | 179.3 | 47 | 447 | 22 | 6-42 | 2 | 20.31 |
| P J Newport | 140.4 | 16 | 450 | 22 | 6-43 | 2 | 20.45 |
| P A Smith | 92.2 | 12 | 308 | 15 | 5-82 | 1 | 20.53 |
| N V Radford | 138.0 | 26 | 391 | 19 | 4-43 | - | 20.57 |

Qualification: 12 wickets, ave 20.57
BEST BOWLING: 8-41, R J Maru, Hampshire v Kent at Southampton

### Batting

| | M | I | No | R | HS | 100 | 50 | Ave |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| D W Randall | 5 | 7 | 3 | 297 | 100* | 1 | 1 | 74.25 |
| R A Smith | 6 | 9 | 0 | 655 | 182 | 3 | 1 | 72.77 |
| I A Greig | 5 | 9 | 4 | 347 | 107* | 1 | 2 | 69.40 |
| S J Cook | 5 | 10 | 1 | 617 | 156 | 1 | 4 | 68.55 |
| A P Wells | 3 | 5 | 1 | 270 | 103 | 1 | 2 | 67.50 |
| G D Mendis | 4 | 8 | 1 | 431 | 118 | 1 | 3 | 61.57 |
| M J Cann | 5 | 8 | 3 | 293 | 75* | - | 3 | 58.60 |
| D I Gower | 4 | 6 | 1 | 274 | 226 | 1 | - | 54.80 |
| G A Hick | 5 | 9 | 2 | 389 | 173* | 1 | 2 | 52.71 |
| R T Robinson | 5 | 10 | 3 | 368 | 77* | - | 4 | 52.57 |
| G A Gooch | 4 | 7 | 0 | 368 | 148 | 1 | 3 | 52.28 |
| J P Stephenson | 4 | 7 | 2 | 261 | 109* | 1 | 1 | 52.20 |
| P M Roebuck | 5 | 10 | 1 | 459 | 149 | 2 | 1 | 51.00 |
| B C Broad | 4 | 8 | 2 | 304 | 64 | - | 4 | 50.66 |
| H Morris | 5 | 8 | 0 | 405 | 102 | 1 | 2 | 50.62 |
| T R Ward | 5 | 10 | 1 | 451 | 91 | - | 5 | 50.11 |
| V P Terry | 5 | 9 | 1 | 385 | 98 | - | 4 | 48.12 |
| S P James | 5 | 7 | 1 | 288 | 151* | 1 | - | 48.00 |
| M P Maynard | 5 | 8 | 1 | 331 | 191* | 1 | - | 47.28 |
| J J Whitaker | 4 | 6 | 1 | 235 | 92* | - | 2 | 47.00 |

Qualification: 200 runs, ave 47.00 * denotes not out

FASTEST CENTURY: 81 balls, A J Lamb, Northants v Leicestershire at Northampton

Compiled by Richard Lockwood

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FOOTBALL: THE EUROPEAN CUP FINAL SHOULD PROVIDE A DEMONSTRATION OF SKILL AND TACTICAL JUDGEMENT

# Steaua prepare to resist Milan's Dutch influence

From David Miller, Barcelona

The irresistible meets the immovable here at Nou Camp tonight. This year's European Cup final will be a contest of skill and tactical wits between AC Milan and Steaua Bucharest, with no certainty that the extravagent Dutch talent of Rijkaard, Gullit and van Basten will secure the trophy for Milan for the first time since 1969.

Emerich Jenei, the Romanian national manager who was Steaua's coach when they beat Barcelona, led by Terry Venables, on penalties in 1986 in Seville, says with a smile that he thinks his team was better than the present side coached by Anghel Iordanscu. I suppose he would, wouldn't he?

The present team is about to undergo the ultimate test, and they seem sure to pose a far more complex tactical problem for Milan than did Real Madrid in the semi-finals. "Real allow you to play, Steaua prevent you playing," Arrigo Sacchi, the Milan coach, says.

Iordanscu who was then player-assistant coach, came on as substitute in Seville. He is now 39, and there is debate still over his replacement of Jenei two years ago. It is thought that the son of the Romanian president, Ceaucescu, who is here with the squad and is heavily involved with Steaua, was influential in the managerial switch, which is regarded as a step down for Jenei.

Yet Steaua have undoubtedly been strengthened by the transfer of Hagi, the country's most accomplished player, from the university club, Sportul Studentjescu. It is the counter attacking skills from mid-field of Hagi, Stoica and Petrescu which will threaten Milan's unconventional Italian defence which operates, like Liverpool's, without a sweeper and with both centre backs, Rijkaard and Baresi, alternately pushing forward.

Hagi, with whom England's defence are well acquainted as a left winger, nowadays switches from flank to flank, and Sacchi will presumably allocate either Colombo or Evani the job of marking him man for man.

**Madrid (Reuter) — A strike by Spanish television employees could black out coverage of the European Cup final. Employees and management at Radiotelevisión Española have failed to agree on providing a service.**

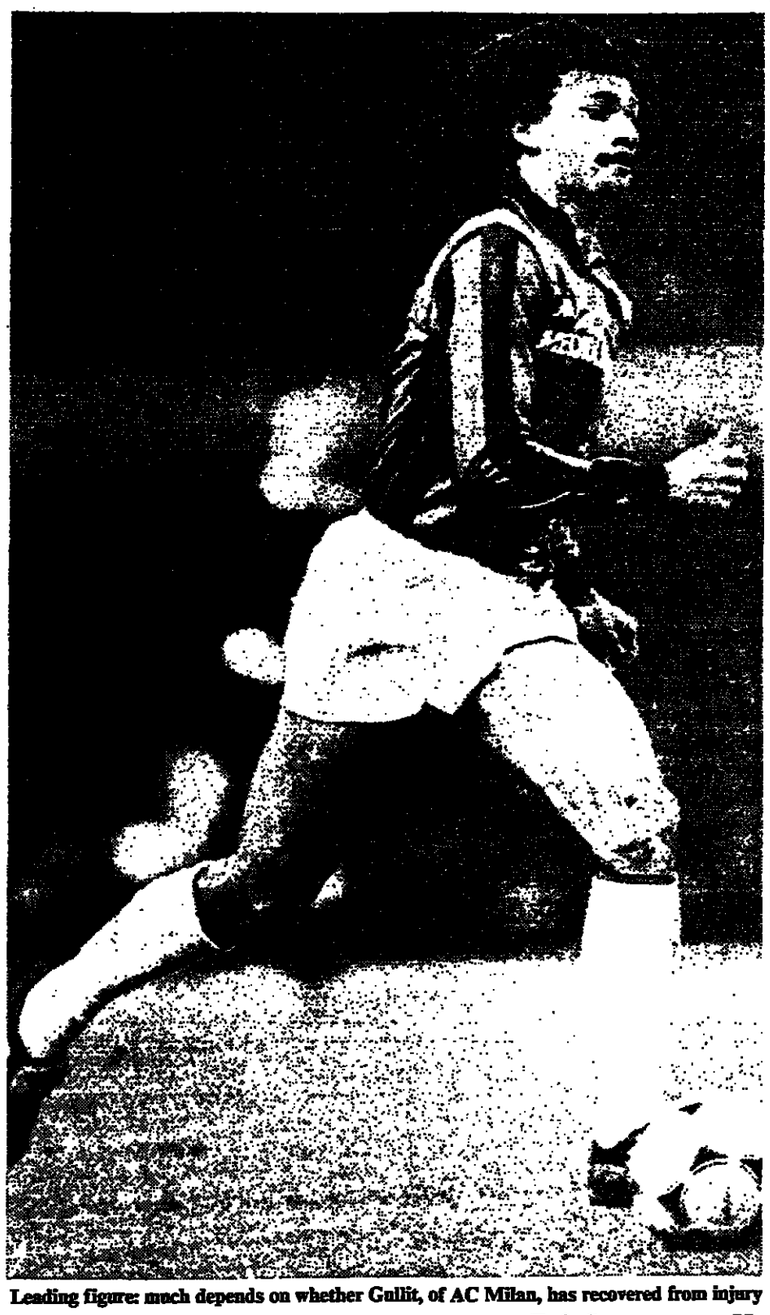
It is the sort of match which, if the teams were to be uninhibited, could finish 4-4 at the end of 90 minutes; but it is more likely, given the stakes, to be 0-0. Much will depend on how fully Gullit has recovered from a cartilage operation immediately following the semi-final second leg in which he limped off in the secon half. For van Basten it is a poignant occasion: he has already signed an advance contract to join Barcelona in 1990 and might do it sooner — for more than £1 million a year — were Milan now to lose.

Steaua's uncertainty lies in finding an adequate replacement in mid-field for the gifted Dumitrescu, suspended following two bookings. The role is expected to go to Balan or Balint, who both came on as substitutes in the semi-final against Galatasaray.

Although Steaua lost their centre back, Belodedici, who defected to Yugoslavia, his place has been amply filled by Petrescu; while Lung, who was omitted from last week's international against Bulgaria to avoid the risk of injury, Steaua have the best of Eastern European goalkeepers. We wait to see how they will respond to Milan's "pressing": the technique of attempting to regain possession from opposing defenders while the ball is still in their half of the field.

Barcelona was yesterday basking in sunshine, a fierce onshore wind swirling the dust and debris above the traffic in the streets, frolicking with the ladies' skirts, and buffetting the armada of aeroplanes touching down every few minutes from Italy. Some 70,000 supporters are arriving by road, rail and air from Milan for what will seem almost a home match.

There are no supporters from Bucharest, allegedly as a protest by the Romanians against UEFA over ticket allocation, though I'm not sure how many Romanians could have afforded the trip. Steaua apparently applied initially for 25,000 tickets. UEFA queried this, Steaua having taken only a thousand spectators to Seville three years ago. Steaua said they would be distributing tickets through travel agencies, but were told they could sell their allocation only in Romania. It seems there was exploitation afoot.



Leading figure: much depends on whether Gullit, of AC Milan, has recovered from injury

BOXING

# New heavyweight hope starts out on the Tyson trail

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Lennox Lewis, Britain's newest heavyweight, thinks he can succeed where Frank Bruno failed. He plans to relieve Mike Tyson of his world heavyweight title. He believes he will be ready for the job in three years' time.

Lewis, who won the Olympic gold medal at Seoul for Canada, will train under American supervision in the Catskill mountains, ouside New York. Frank Maloney, his manager, said he had been given *carte blanche* by a group of City financiers to bring the world title back to Britain.

Lewis, who is 6ft 5in and weighs 16st, will be trained by John Davenport, who is Carl "The Truth" Williams's trainer. Davenport, a former Marine drill sargeant is a disciplinarian with something of the reputation of the martinet in the film, *Full Metal Jacket*: Yes, Sir!

The Catskills will be familar ground to Lewis, for Lewis spent a week sparring with Tyson in 1983, when the world champion was 18 years old. Lewis was 17. "Tyson was very aggressive." Lewis said: "My boxing was movement and so every time he stepped into the ring he tried to take my head off. Tyson's style is effective but right now he's on sticky grounds.

"He is my goal. I have always had goals. The world junior championship and the Olympic title." His other goals are to win the British title in a year's time, the Canadian title and the European. He leaves for New York today to start work under Davenport.

Though he is a Canadian, Lewis is also very much English, having been born in Forest Gate of Jamican parents. He moved to Kitchener, Ontario, with his mother, Violet, in 1978.

He was expected to face the former British champion, Trevor Currie, but Maloney turned it down because if Lewis won he would immediately be elevated to the top four in the division. His first bout will be a six-rounder on June 27 at the Albert Hall against one of three British heavyweights, Al Malcolm, Steve Garber or John Westgarth.

In July he will be able to take a good look at Tyson as he will be boxing on the the Tyson-Williams undercard. His opponent will be found by Maloney's agents in the United States, the Houston Boxing Association. Lewis will commute between the HBA's gym in the Catskills and the Henry Cooper gym, his training headquarters down the Old Kent Road, London.

GLIDING

# British lag on fifth day tasks

By a Special Correspondent

British pilots produced disappointing results in the first mountain task on the the fifth day of the world championships at Wiener Neustadt, Austria, despite conditions being to their liking.

Justin Wills finished seventeenth in the 15-metre class at 68.6kph, just ahead of his compatriot, Chris Garton, at 64kph.

In the Standard class, Andy Davis, of Britain, completed the 246km triangle in 22nd place at 60.2kph and Martyn Wells landed out putting himself further out of contention. In the Open 327km triangle, the Britons, Robin May and Ralph Jones, finished sixteenth and seventeenth respectively.

RESULTS: Fifth day: Open: 1, J-C Lopitaux (Fr), ASW22B, 95.6kph; 2, H Strider (Switz), Nimbus 3T, 95.3; 3, J Buchanan (Austria), ASH25E, 95.2. British positions: 16, R May, ASH25, 82.8; 18, R Jones, Nimbus 3, 82.2. Other positions: 23, D Imes, (Guer), Nimbus 3, 72.6. Leading overall positions: 1, R Schramme (WG), Nimbus 3D, 4396pts; 2, I Renner (Aus), Nimbus 3, 4387; 3, G Lherm (Fr) ASW22B, 4365. British: 12, R Jones, 3631; 20, R May, 3376. Other: 23, D Imes (Guer), 2919. 15-metre: 1, D Jacobs (USS), LS8S, 83.5; 2, K Striedieck (US), ASW20, 81.1; 3, G Garbaud (Fr) LS8, 78.0; 4, G Navas (Fr), LS8, 75.8. British: 17, J Wills, LS8, 68.8; 18, C Garton, LS8B, 64.0. Standard: 1, D Hauss (Fr) Discus, 79.9kph; 2, J Aboulin (Fr), Discus, 79.8; 3, A van Dyk (NZ), LS7, 78.3. British: 22, A Davis, Discus, 60.2.

BADMINTON

# Measuring the stature of England

From Richard Eaton
Jakarta

**English estimates that, despite a relative decline since 1984, they remain one of the world's leading badminton nations, will for the first time be given an exact measurement over the next few days. England have been placed bottom of the top group of countries in the inaugural world mixed team championships, the Sudirman Cup, starting here today.**

**The playing format is identical to that of the European team championships, men's and women's singles and doubles and a mixed doubles.**

**There are 30 nations, seven groups, and six nations in the top group, which means England must beat one of those listed above them if they are to avoid sliding into secondary status.**

**This will not be easy in the Istora Senayan, a stadium infamous as the graveyard of Europeans, where degrees and decibels escalate as heat and noise combine in an assault upon the senses. Luckily, the one team England might reasonably hope to beat is Sweden, whose players should sweat and suffer as much as anyone's. China will be firm favourites, despite the power of the Koreans in the three doubles.**

# Preston's fire brings a cool response from FA

The Football Association is unlikely to hold an investigation into the incident during Monday night's Preston North End v Port Vale game when a small fire began on the terracing at Deepdale (Ian Ross writes).

The third division play-off was held up for eight minutes after several hundred Port Vale supporters spilled over perimeter fencing and onto the pitch. The referee, Joe Worrall, led both teams away to the dressing-rooms as police ushered supporters away from the vicinity of the blaze. No one was injured.

"We shall await the arrival of the referee's report in the first instance. From this distance it does not look as though it needs immediate investigation but it will be looked into in due course," an FA spokesman said.

"Although the incident was not a particularly serious one, we are obviously not happy," Derek Allan, the Preston secretary, said.

Keith Leeming, the club chairman, believes the incident has done nothing to support the argument for the removal of perimeter fences. He believes that the potential disaster proves that fences do not have to mean a risk to lives.

# Wright fit again for Palace

By Louise Taylor

Crystal Palace hope home advantage will help them overcome the 1-0 handicap they incurred in losing at Swindon Town on Sunday. The Londoners are heartened by the news that Ian Wright, their leading scorer with 30 goals, has recovered from an ankle injury for the second division promotion play-off semi-final, second leg.

Steve Coppell, the Palace manager, is a former Manchester United team-mate of Lou Macari, his adversary tonight. The Swindon manager, whose charges prepared for Sunday at an army training camp at Bath, reported a full injury-free complement today," he said. "But that game is now totally irrelevant. Watford will be only too aware of the consequences of conceding a goal and it is up to us to break them down." He is expected to field an unchanged side. Watford delay selection.

Their lead may be narrow but Swindon still hold the initiative. Coppell said: "We have got a hell of a battle on our hands. We cannot take anything for granted. Scoring goals against Swindon is not easy because they play a system that makes it difficult for us. We want the crowd to really get behind us."

Dave Mackay, the Blackburn Rovers manager, believes that his team has a psychological advantage as they travel to Vicarage Road after Sunday's goalless draw with Watford at Ewood Park in the other second division semi-final.

"I was disappointed we did not take our chances on Sun-

In the fourth division, Scunthorpe United must attempt to turn a 3-1 defeat at Wrexham on Saturday into victory, but they may be without Daws, their leading scorer with 27 goals, who has an ankle injury.

Leyton Orient defend a 2-0 lead at Scarborough where Colin Morris, the home manager said: "I am going to play 11 forwards and nail our goal up."

# Irish may call up extra man

Versatility is the keyword in the 16-strong Irish League squad for the five-match, 13-day tour of the United States and Trinidad in July, announced yesterday by Roy Coyle, the team manager (George Ace writes). And an extra player may be added to the party next Friday.

IRISH LEAGUE SQUAD: G Dunlop (Linfield), M Keenan (Portadown), T McMillan (Larne), I Curliss (Portadown), P Byrne (Glenavon), T Moore (Glentoran), D Jeffrey (Linfield), S Brown (Bangor), R Wade (Coleraine), W Caskey (Glentoran), P Murray (Cliftonville), S Barrows (Linfield), G O'Boyle (Linfield), M Magee (Portadown), G McCartney (Glentoran), G Ferrie (Glenavon).

ITINERARY: July 4: v New Jersey Eagles (New Jersey). 5: v Fort Lauderdale Strikers (Florida). 9: v Trinidad and Tobago national team (Port of Spain). 13: v Poland. 15: v United States (both matches in New Britain, Connecticut).

ROWING

# Favourites are hard to assess

Oriel are favourites to retain their headship in the Oxford Summer Eights, which starts today, but it is not easy to assess their form (Jim Railton writes).

One of the Boat Race mutineers of 1987, Dan Lyons, an American, has been sighted in the boat, having returned to Oxford to complete his examinations. He has been declared *in statu pupilari* by the Oxford University Boat Club Committee.

Oriel today will also have the Olympian, Terry Dillon, on board but before the weekend he is scheduled to join the British national squad in Duisburg, West Germany. Oriel's line-up also includes the Blues, Richard Hull and Guy Blanchard.

Oriel's immediate pursuers, New College, have the British international, Tom Cadoux-Hudson, on board.

Today's starting order

Men

FIRST DIVISION (5.30): Oriel, New College, University, Christ Church, SEH, Worcester, Pembroke, Keble, Hertford, St John's, Balliol, Wadham.

SECOND DIVISION (5.30): Magdalen, Lincoln, Trinity, Brasenose, St Catherine's, Oriel II, Queen's, Jesus, Exeter, New College II, Wolfson, St Peter's.

THIRD DIVISION (5.00): Corpus Christie, Osler House, University II, LMH, Merton, Christ Church II, Oriel III, Hertford II, Mansfield, Worcester II, SEH II, Keble II.

FOURTH DIVISION (4.00): Lincoln II, St John's, St Anne's, Balliol II, Exeter II, Pembroke II, St Catherine's II, Brasenose II, Linacre, Queen's II, Magdalen II, Trinity II.

FIFTH DIVISION (3.30): 1 Wadham II, Worcester III, Osler House II, Jesus II, Keble III, New College III, Christ Church III, University III, Merton II, Wolfson II, Balliol III, Exeter III.

SIXTH DIVISION (2.20): Merton III, SEH III, St Peter's II, University IV, Lincoln III, LMH II, Oriel IV, Oriel V, St Catherine's III, Keble IV, Hertford III, Christ Church IV.

*SEVENTH DIVISION (1.45): St John's III, Pembroke III, Corpus Christie II, New College IV, Wadham III, Queen's III, St Anne's II, St Catherine's IV, Brasenose III, Hertford IV, Mansfield II, Oriel VI.

*EIGHTH DIVISION (12.35): LMH III, Worcester IV, SEH IV, Templeton, Exeter IV, Magdalen III, University V, Magdalen IV, Christ Church V, Jesus III, LMH IV, SEH V.

*NINTH DIVISION (12.00): St Anne's III, St Hugh's I, †St Hugh's II, Magdalen V, St Peter's III, Linacre II, Lincoln IV, Oriel VII, Worcester V, Pembroke IV, St Hugh's III, Brasenose IV, Oriel VIII.

Women

FIRST DIVISION (6.00): Osler House, Somerville, St Hugh's, Wadham, Pembroke, LMH, Brasenose, St Hilda's, New College, St Anne's, Wolfson, St Hugh's.

SECOND DIVISION (4.30): Jesus, Corpus Christi, University, Keble, St Catherine's, Christ Church, Lincoln, Worcester, Hertford, Somerville II, Balliol, Queen's.

THIRD DIVISION (2.55): SEH, Linacre, St John's, Magdalen, St Hugh's III, Brasenose II, Trinity, LMH II, New College II, St Peter's, Mansfield, St Hilda's II.

*FOURTH DIVISION (1.10): Merton, St Hugh's IV, Oriel, St Catherine's II, Wadham II, Exeter, Jesus II, Wolfson II, University II, Somerville III, Hertford II, Osler House II.

*FIFTH DIVISION (11.26): Oriel II, Queen's II, University III †SEH II, Osler House III, Pembroke II, Christ Church II, Worcester II, Regent's Park, Pembroke III, Balliol II, Keble II, LMH III.

*denotes rowing on division.
†denotes top of new entries.

YACHTING

# Answering the call of safety

By Barry Pickthall

Concern over difficulties in locating and recovering crewmen who fall overboard from racing yachts, and the limited success of three safety systems tested in the Solent last week, has prompted *The Times* to host an international conference on safety at sea.

The tests, also conducted by *The Times*, and described by the Round the World yachtsman, Chay Blyth, as "a very depressing demonstation", highlighted serious deficiencies in all the latest equipment and resulted in a call for urgent research to produce an effective location, flotation and recovery system.

*The Times* conference, to be held at the Royal Ocean Racing Club in London on June 7, is a first stage in answering that call by bringing together the leading names from the world of ocean racing to pool their experiences and direct a research team led by Dr Richard Allan from the RAF Institute of Aviation Medicine.

The RAF has done extensive development work on automatic one-man liferaft designs to save pilots who ditch in the sea. Dr Allan and his team have also perfected a personal location beacon the size of a cigarette packet which, with further development, could emit a signal that can be picked up by a yacht's radio equipment.

Dr Allan is also keen to pursue the idea of utilizing radar reflective materials and adapting items such as personal radar transmitters and infra-red heat-seeking location devices developed for the Armed Forces.

The object is to produce an effective man-overboard system in time for this year's fully crewed Whitbread Round the World race and singlehanded adventures such as next year's BOC Challenge.

## FOR THE RECORD

### ATHLETICS

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS: Berkshire: Men: Long jump: K Fielding (Windsor, Slough and Eton), 7.61m. Triple jump: J Sweeney (Windsor, Slough and Eton), 15.51m. Essex: Men: Shot: M Simson (Thurrock), 17.80m. Hertfordshire: Discus: Men: N Woolcott (Haringey), 52.62m.

### AUSTRALIAN RULES

VICTORIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE (VFL): Seventh round: Essendon 21.19 (145) bt Richmond 12.15 (87); Geelong 28.23 (179) bt Brisbane 8.14 (62); Collingwood 15.15 bt Carlton 12.9 (85); Hawthorn 22.25 (157) bt Sydney 12.11 (83); Footscray 8.16 (64) bt Fitzroy 9.9 (63); St Kilda 18.7 (115) bt North Melbourne 17.10 (112).

| | W | L | F | A | Pts | Pct |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hawthorn | 7 | 1 | 1067 | 728 | 28 | 150.3 |
| Collingwood | 8 | 2 | 1039 | 694 | 24 | 131.4 |
| Essendon | 6 | 2 | 955 | 752 | 24 | 119.6 |
| Geelong | 5 | 3 | 1196 | 799 | 20 | 149.7 |
| Melbourne | 5 | 2 | 917 | 594 | 20 | 103.9 |
| Nth Melb | 5 | 3 | 930 | 851 | 20 | 97.5 |
| Sydney | 4 | 4 | 726 | 743 | 16 | 97.7 |
| Fitzroy | 4 | 4 | 803 | 920 | 16 | 87.3 |
| St Kilda | 4 | 4 | 952 | 1025 | 16 | 93.1 |
| Richmond | 3 | 5 | 776 | 980 | 12 | 97.7 |
| Footscray | 2 | 6 | 837 | 722 | 8 | 88.2 |
| Brisbane | 2 | 6 | 811 | 862 | 8 | 90.3 |
| West Coast | 1 | 6 | 857 | 760 | 4 | 79.4 |
| Carlton | 1 | 7 | 872 | 869 | 4 | 77.3 |

### BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland Indians 7, Detroit Tigers 3; Minnesota 6, Toronto 2; Baltimore Orioles 5, Chicago White Sox 1; Texas Rangers 4, Kansas City Royals 1.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Cubs 5, Houston Astros 3. Postponed: Cincinnati Reds v St Louis Cardinals (rain).

### BILLIARDS

MANCHESTER: World match-play tournament: Preliminary round: J McLaughlin (N Ire) w o T Jones (Eng), scr. First round: J Yorston (Eng) bt R Marino (Scot), 4-1; I Williamson (Eng) bt C Everton (Wales), 4-1; M Russell (Eng) bt S Bennett (Eng), 4-0; B Close (Eng) bt J Dunnings (Eng), 4-0.

### CRICKET

BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY: Cliffstone: Yorkshire 258-5 (M D Moxon 100, D Byas 82, S N Hartley 74 not out), Nottinghamshire 259-6 (D J R Martindale 83); Nottinghamshire won by 4 wkts. Northampton: Northamptonshire 258-9 (A Fordham 91), Derbyshire 255 (J Robinson 73, I Radpeni 57). Northamptonshire won by 23 runs.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: MCC 193, *Gordonstoun 194-8; *Shrewsbury 250-6, King Edward's, Birmingham 113; *Gresham's 107, Ipswich 111-1; *Wilson's 194-5, Glyn 151-6; Bolton 183-6, King's, Macclesfield 164-4; Edinburgh Academy 93, *Bernard Castle 94-1; Ampleforth 142, *Sedbergh 132-9; ESCA (West) 198, *Millfield 201-1; *Clifton College 102, Haileybury 103-6; *Clifton College 252-2, MCC 230.
* denotes home team

### TENNIS

DÜSSELDORF: World Team Cup: Red group: Sweden bt Czechoslovakia, 3-0: S Edberg and A Jarryd (Swe) bt M Srejber and M Mecir (Cz), 6-2, 6-1; Argentina bt Australia, 2-1: J Frana and G Luza (Arg) lost to D Cahill and M Woodforde (Aus), 3-6, 6-7.
FLORENCE: City of Florence tournament: Men's singles: A Gomez (Ec) bt T Meinecke (WG), 6-2, 7-5; L Mattar (Br) bt N Pereira (Ven), 6-4, 5-6, 7-6; L Duncan (US) bt C Parreira (Br), 7-5, 6-4; J Arias (US) bt C Pridemal (Br), 6-3, 4-6, 4-1; V Pecci-Filho (Par) bt M Rackl (WG), 6-3, 6-0.
GENEVA: European open tournament: Women's singles: First round: C Martinez (Sp) bt C Cervezzato (It), 6-2, 6-1; C Benjamin (US) bt C Kohde-Kilsch (WG), 6-2, 6-1; C Lindqvist (Swe) bt M Strandlund (Swe), 6-0, 4-6, 6-1; L Gildemeister (Peru) bt K Adams (US), 6-0, 6-0; L Lapi (It) bt L Golarsa (It), 6-0, 7-6; L Savchenko (USSR) bt R Simpson (Can), 6-1, 6-2.
STRASBOURG: Strasbourg open tournament: Women's singles: First round: S Sloane (US) bt S Wasserman (Swi), 7-6, 6-0; E Reinach (SA) bt A Coetzer (SA), 6-3, 6-0; A Grossman (US) bt S Meier (WG), 6-1, 6-0; M Paz (Arg) bt K Godridge (US), 6-1, 6-2; W Probst (WG) bt A Dechaume (Fr), 4-6, 6-3, 6-1; S Mentlik (US) bt M Torres (US), 7-5, 1-6, 6-2.
ATP RANKINGS: 1, I Lendl (Cz), 2, B Becker (WG), 3, S Edberg (Swe), 4, M Wilander (Swe), 5, A Agassi (US), 6, T Muster (Austria), 7, J McEnroe (US), 8, J Hlasek (Switz), 9, T Mayotte (US), 10, M Mecir (Cz). Leading money-winners: 1, Lendl, $944,317; 2, McEnroe, $333,171; 3, A Mancini (Arg), $326,882; 4, Becker, $322,000; 5, Mecir, $220,728; 6, Edberg, $215,068; 7, B Gilbert (US), $213,680; 8, Hlasek, $193,000; 9, Agassi, $171,282; 10, Y Noah (Fr), $139,207.
GRAND PRIX POINTS LEADERS: 1, I Lendl (Cz), 4,853pts; 2, B Becker (WG), 1,590; 3, A Mancini (Arg), 1,340; 4, J McEnroe (US), 1,860; 5, M Mecir (Cz), 1,603; 6, B Gilbert (US), 1,574; 7, A Agassi (US), 1,546; 8, S Edberg (Swe), 1,472; 9, T Muster (Austria), 1,220; 10, Y Noah (Fr), 1,132.
WITA RANKINGS: 1, S Graf (WG); 2, M Navratilova (US); 3, G Sabatini (Arg); 4, C Evert (US); 5, N Zvereva (USSR); 6, Z Garrison (US); 7, H Sukova (Cz); 8, P Shriver (US); 9, M Maleeva (Bul); 10, A Sanchez (Sp). Leading money-winners: 1, Graf, $485,007; 2, Sabatini, $314,357; 3, Sukova, $190,670; 4, Navratilova, $184,666; 5, Garrison, $170,227; 6, Evert, $114,100; 7, J Novotna (Cz), $110,665; 8, Sanchez, $96,050; 9, Shriver, $76,475; 10, H Mandlikova (Aus), $73,399.

### BOWLS

COUNTY MATCHES: Kent 157, Devon 80. Norfolk Tourists 116, Swindon and District 104.

### RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: Tunisia 12, Middlesex 23; Dalmatian Select XV 25, Old Emanuel 3; Yugoslavia 28, Old Emanuel 4; St Albert RFC 4, Civil Service 4; Edmonton Representative XV 17, Civil Service 3.
BUENOS AIRES: Champagnat RC Argentina 18, London Scottish 25.

### SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Wolverhampton 44, Coventry 40; Reading 49, Cradley Heath 41.

### GOLF

WEST KENT: Peugeot Cup: Third regional qualifying round: 68: M Lawrence (Sundridge Park), G McDaitty (Stockwood). 72: K Kelsall (Piltdown), J Coles (Barton-on-Sea). 72: D Wyborn (Shortlands), D Geall (Seaford), G Cooke (Barnehurst), M Jarvis (Horsell Park), L Atkins (Sandford Springs), P le Chevalier (Royal Jersey). 73: R Park (Southampton Municipal), M Belsham (Royal Cinque Ports), J Debenham (West Hove), S Watson (Sanderstead).
SONY WORLD RANKINGS: 1, S Ballesteros (Sp), 21.51pts; 2, G Norquist (Aus), 18.89; 3, N Faldo (GB), 14.89; 4, C Strange (US), 13.55; 5, T Kite (US), 12.11; 6, A Lyle (GB), 11.24; 7, M Calcavecchia (US), 10.28; 8, S J-M Gallacher (Sp), 9.97; 9, C Beck (US), 9.94; 10, T Woosnam (GB), 9.75.
US PGA TOUR: Leading money-winners (all US): 1, T Kite, $612,129; 2, M Calcavecchia, $516,045; 3, P Stewart, $448,152; 4, F Couples, $431,803; 5, S Hoch, $426,590; 6, S Jones, $422,495; 7, M O'Meara, $418,927; 8, C Beck, $384,698; 9, B Glasson, $340,466; 10, T Simpson, $317,454. Sixteen players: 14, A Lyle, $243,219; N Faldo, $282,686; 134, I Woosnam, $31,050; 174, H Clark, $13,843.
RYDER CUP: United States team standings: 1, M Calcavecchia, 572,600pts; 2, T Kite, 557,500; 3, C Beck, 550,500; 4, C Strange, 541,250; 5, K Green, 465,000; 6, F Couples, 459,417; 7, P Stewart, 453,000; 8, M O'Meara, 412,500; 9, S Pate, 391,667; 10, P Azinger, 390,000.
LPGA TOUR: Money-winners (all US): 1, N Lopez, $279,860; 2, B King, $228,924; 3, B Daniel, $189,935; 4, J Inkster, $159,304; 5, P Bradley, $132,517; 6, J Geddes, $118,677; 7, L Garbacz, $112,912; 8, S Turner, $106,321; 9, C Mallor, $106,851; 10, M Nause, $106,259.
PGA EUROPEAN TOUR: Leading money-winners: 1, S Ballesteros (Sp), $186,245; 2, J-M Olazabal (Sp), $155,984; 3, R Rafferty (GB), 148,819; 4, M James (GB) $139,520; 5, D Durnian (GB), 134,660; 6, G J Brand (GB), $111,182; 7, P Broadhurst (GB), $105,552; 8, S Torrance (GB), $96,871; 9, M Roe (GB), $91,407; 10, J-M Canizares (Sp), $87,268.

### ICE HOCKEY

TOKYO: Three nation round robin tournament: Japan 1, Czechoslovakia 7.

### CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA: Second stage (Catano to Etna, 132km): 1, A de Silva (Port), 3hr 32min 56sec; 2, L Herrera (Col), same time; 3, T Rominger (Switz), same time; 4, M Lejarreta (Sp), at 4sec; 5, I Ivanov (USSR) . . . 11, S Lanza (Ghe), same time. Overall leaders: 1, da Silva, 6:15:58; 2, Herrera, at 5sec; 3, Rominger, at 12 . . . 8, Rocha, at 19.

### DIVING

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida: International meeting: Combined team totals: 1, China, 50.8pts; 2, United States, 44.0; 3, Soviet Union, 31.5.

### FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP: East Asian group four qualifying matches: Nepal 0, Malaysia 2; Singapore 0, South Korea 3.

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# Berger looks set for Mexico

By John Blunsden

**Gerhard Berger will be back at the wheel of a Ferrari Formula One car for the Mexican Grand Prix this weekend. This surprising news was released yesterday afternoon after the Austrian driver, aged 29, had successfully completed a 45-lap test drive on Ferrari's private Fiorano circuit to the satisfaction of his doctor.**

It is only just over four weeks since Berger survived a 150mph accident during the San Marino Grand Prix at Imola, Italy, when his Ferrari failed to take a curve, veered into a retaining wall, which it hit several times before coming to rest and bursting into flames.

Berger, temporarily knocked unconscious, was only saved by the swift and well co-ordinated actions of the circuit's fire marshals, who extinguished the flames within 20 seconds, and by the medical team that examined him carefully before releasing him from the tangled wreckage of his car.

He suffered burns, the most severe being to his hands, plus a broken rib and shoulder as well as concussion and shock, but he has since made a remarkable recovery. He was an eager visitor to the Monaco Grand Prix just two weeks after the accident, when his hands, still protected by heavy bandaging, were preventing him from even handling the power-assisted steering of his road car. However, the main cause of his discomfort at that time was the upper part of his body as his fractured bones were mending.

The cause of Berger's accident has not been — and perhaps never will be — established beyond any doubt, although the team are convinced that it is centred on the car's front wings, the mountings for which have subsequently been reinforced.

Berger's return will come as a considerable boost to Nigel Mansell, who not only has had to shoulder the burden of development driving single handedly, but has inevitably been hampered by not having the facility of back-to-back comparisons of car performance during Berger's absence.

Although Ferrari had taken steps to borrow Nicola Larini from the Osella team for the Mexican race — and presumably still will should Berger's fitness to race be brought into doubt during the build-up days preceding the grand prix — Mansell was convinced as early as the Monaco weekend that Berger would be rejoining him on the grid in Mexico City.

"I'm looking forward to welcoming him back," he remarked in what, at the time, seemed like excessive optimism. Racing drivers do seem to be blessed with remarkable powers of recovery.

# Rare Glamorgan victory borders on sensational

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

*SWANSEA: Glamorgan (23pts) bt Northamptonshire (6) by 244 runs*

Little which occurs on the daily county circuit genuinely qualifies for the description sensational. But the half-hour before lunch at sunbathed St Helens yesterday most certainly did.

Northamptonshire, who led the Britannic Assurance county cricket championship table and were unbeaten in all competitions, set off to chase 305 against the game's perennial Aunt Sally, Glamorgan, and lost five wickets for six runs.

Effectively they stood, or, rather, cowered, at six for six as Geoff Cook had gone home to tend his sick father. With Steve Watkin bowling like a man inspired, it was not a sound bet on Northamptonshire beating their record low of 12, suffered at Gloucester 82 years ago.

Their all out total of 60 perversely represented a recovery as well as an embarrassment. On the basis that any Glamorgan victory has a novelty value worth celebrating, this one was cause for all-night opening through the valleys.

It was their first championship win of the season, their first home since 1987 and the most significant of their recent history, because it translates an intangible mood of optimism around this club into material reason for encouragement.

Glamorgan have been imprisoned in the bottom six of the championship for 15 seasons and, although no one should pretend they are ready to take on all comers, they now at least have a team capable of ending that sequence.

As for Northamptonshire, their ability needs little questioning; their captain, Allan Lamb, rightly offered no excuses and this will be put down as an abberation.

The irony of it all is that everyone had expected the match to be decided by spin. As it turned out, Shastri came on only as an afterthought and Ontong was not needed at all. Nor, indeed, was Barwick, arguably Glamorgan's best bowler.

Morris had declared after his middle order added 126

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runs in 80 minutes, an untroubled phase which contrasted starkly with all that followed. Maynard hit the ball cleanly before becoming a first championship victim for the tiny, teenage leg spin bowler, Andy Roberts, and Shastri then drove three sixes in his fluent 48.

When Lamb turned to his quicker bowlers, Ambrose immediately removed Shastri with a ball that lifted sharply. Psychologically it was an ideal moment to declare, and Morris acted upon it, though even he was bewildered by the speed of subsequent events.

Lamb, opening in place of Cook, took a single from Watkin's second ball. The next run came from Capel, by which time four wickets had fallen. Larkins was caught behind down the leg side, Bailey and Lamb taken smartly at short-leg and Wild fending the ball off his face, well caught by the diving Metsen.

Watkin appeared to be bowling appreciably faster than in the first innings and when extra bounce accounted for Capel, he had taken four wickets in 14 balls, without conceding a run.

A graduate in human movement, which he calls an extension of physical education, Watkin has a splendid temperament

There was, of course, no way back for Northamptonshire, although Thomas brought some apprehensive looks from his former colleagues in briefly making batting seem straightforward. He was the first of two wickets for Shastri

GLAMORGAN: First innings 290 (M J Cann 75 not out, R J Shastri 50; N G B Cook 4 for 82).

Second innings

| | |
|---|---|
| A R Butcher c Larkins b Thomas | 10 |
| *H Morris c Larkins b Bailey | 45 |
| M J Cann not out | 45 |
| M P Maynard st Ripley b Roberts | 39 |
| R J Shastri c Roberts b Ambrose | 48 |
| Extras (b 6, lb 7, w 3, nb 11) | 27 |
| Total (4 wkts dec) | 214 |

R C Ontong, J Derrick, †C P Metson, S J Dennis, S L Watkin and S R Barwick did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-88, 3-146, 4-214.

BOWLING: Ambrose 8.2-1-25-1; Thomas 10-0-48-1; N G B Cook 20-5-49-0; Capel 5-1-16-0; Bailey 7-1-25-1; Roberts 7-1-40-1.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First innings 200 (R J Bailey 45; S R Barwick 4-34).

Second innings

| | |
|---|---|
| *A J Lamb c Derrick b Dennis | 1 |
| W Larkins c Metson b Watkin | 0 |
| R J Bailey c Derrick b Watkin | 0 |
| D J Wild c Metson b Watkin | 0 |
| D J Capel c Metson b Watkin | 1 |
| †D Ripley c Morris b Watkin | 7 |
| J G Thomas c Maynard b Shastri | 22 |
| A Roberts c Morris b Watkin | 7 |
| C E L Ambrose st Metson b Shastri | 15 |
| N G B Cook not out | 7 |
| G Cook absent | 0 |
| Extras | 0 |
| Total | 60 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-1, 3-1, 4-1, 5-6, 6-31, 7-31, 8-50, 9-60.

BOWLING: Watkin 11-3-42-6; Dennis 6-4-7-1; Shastri 4-0-11-2.

Umpires: D G L Evans and P B Wight.

Caught out: Metson, of Glamorgan, snaps up Thomas, of Northamptonshire, at Swansea

END COLUMN

# Widely flows the Don at last

By Marcus Williams

***Test Match Special*** **— adored by many, abhorred by a few — returns to the Radio 3 medium airwaves tomorrow for the opening Texaco Trophy one-day international between England and Australia. Since 1948, it has become established as a national institution, noted as much for its banter, *bonhomie* and general cricketing chat as for the professional descriptions of play. It appeals to housewives as much as to cricket-devotees and its placing in a list of top-five radio programmes in *New Musical Express* suggests an appeal to the young as well as the young at heart.**

However, since the announcement last year of broadcasting reforms, an axe has hung over *TMS*, threatening its long-term future as a ball-by-ball commentary service. Continuity is assured this summer and next; thereafter the transfer of sports, and educational, broadcasting to the new Radio 5 is likely to mean that cricket will have to share airtime with other major events.

In the shorter term, at least, cricket on Radio 3 is enhanced this year, as confirmed at Broadcasting House yesterday. Of domestic interest there will be an extra four days' broadcasting, making a total of 39 days, by adding the quarter-finals and semi-finals of the Benson and Hedges and NatWest competitions to the Test matches, one-day internationals and cup finals.

Claiming a wider audience will be "The Bradman Tapes",

Bradman: spoke at length

a series of interviews marking Sir Donald's eightieth birthday and the Australian Bicentennial in which the greatest run-maker cricket has seen spoke publicly at length for the first time on his lifetime in the game as player and administrator. He was interviewed, at his own insistence, by Norman May, a veteran Australian broadcaster.

The Australian Broadcasting Corporation transmitted the interviews last year and offered the tapes to the BBC, but the asking-price was originally beyond their cricketing budget. However, following articles in *The Times* last November, and a question tabled in the House of Commons by Bob Hicks, the Conservative MP for Cornwall South East, agreement was reached for the BBC to broadcast an edited version of the original seven hours and to make the interviews available on cassette. They will go on sale in July under their Australian title, "*Bradman — The Don Declares*".

The task of editing belongs to Peter Baxter, the BBC's cricket producer, and it was not until a fortnight ago, because of customs delays and industrial problems at the corporation, that he was able to start work. He found that some of the original material would be of limited appeal to English audiences and balked further at some of the English voices, notably Percy Fender and Bill Bowes, portrayed by Australian actors. By happy chance, however, he recognized one of the extracts and has spliced in Bowes's original words from the BBC's own archives.

The broadcasts will be launched next Wednesday (May 31) with an hour-long programme in main Radio 3 evening time at 9.50pm. It will cover Bradman's early days, including the tale of how he developed his batting technique by hitting, with a stump, a golf ball rebounding off the brick stand of a water tank, through his first visit to the Sydney Cricket Ground, to his first triumphant tour of England in 1930.

The subsequent six extracts will be broadcast during the lunch interval on the Fridays of the Test matches this summer, with "the Don" talking, among much else, about the infamous Bodyline tour, the duck in his final Test at the Oval, and his colleagues and opponents. By the end, some cricket-lovers may yet agree with the BBC executive who was heard to say yesterday that he would have happily sat through the full version of the tapes.

# Poles drop leading forward

Warsaw (Reuter) — Poland have omitted the forward, Dariusz Dziekanowski from their squad for the World Cup qualifing match against England next month because he is under a two-match suspension by his club, Legia Warsaw.

He was suspended for failing to attend three training sessions last week. Dziekanowski, Poland's most effective forward for several years, has often been at odds with Polish football authorities. Marek Lesniak, who plays for Bayer Leverkusen, in West Germany, will replace him. Lesniak himself has just completed a one-year suspension for joining Leverkusen without permission from the Polish authorities.

POLISH SQUAD: J Bako, R Jankowski, J Wandzik; J Wijas, Z Kaczmarek, D Wdowczyk, P Soczynski, D Lukasik, R Szewczyk, R Wojcicki; W Prusik, R Tarasiewicz, K Warzycha, J Urban, J Ziober, W Matysik; M Lesniak, J Furtok, R Kosecki.

# Swedish women remain a thorn in English flesh

By Andrew Longmore

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The England women have had to wait 17 years to play their first full football international at Wembley, but unfortunately, when the time came, patience was not enough to break down a skilful and stubborn Swedish side yesterday. Goals in either half by Pia Sundhage and Lena Videkull were enough to ruin the occasion.

But then perhaps no one should have been surprised. The Swedish women have proved a thorn in the flesh of the English side for a good many years now. Twice, in 1984 and 1987, England have been knocked out of the European championship by the Swedish women and in fact England have won only once in nine games against them.

Despite this defeat, however, the women's game has much to celebrate at the end of their season.

A month ago their WFA Cup Final, won by Leasowe Pacific, was televised live for the first time and in April the game received a grant of £50,000 from the Football Trust. That these triumphs were not capped at Wembley was due primarily to an extraordinary profligacy in front of goal and momentary slackness in defence.

As early as the sixth minute they went behind, when a long free kick was met by Sundhage, who has 82 caps, and her header looped gently and agonizingly over Wiseman, who was winning her fiftieth cap, to give the Swedes the lead. The worst of several missed chances came just before half-time when Spacey crashed a drive against the post from eight yards with only the goalkeeper to beat.

The Swedes seemed content in the humidity, which sapped the strength of both Liverpool and Everton last Saturday, to protect their lead and play on the break. Their tactics worked when in the 68th minute Videkull emphatically volleyed past Wiseman to convert Johansson's pin-point cross. But there was no disgrace in this defeat.

ENGLAND: T Wiseman (Friends of Fulham); J Broadhurst (Doncaster Belles), J Macrary (sub: M Harper, Leasowe Pacific), D Bampton (Millwall Lionesses), J Sherrard (Doncaster Belles), G Coultard (Doncaster Belles), H Powell (Friends of Fulham), B Sampare (Friends of Fulham), M Spacey (Friends of Fulham; sub: L Cort, Town and County), K Davis (Napoli), J Stanley (Filey).

SWEDEN: E Leidinge; D Fors, M Karlsson, A Hansson (sub: F Syren), E Zetterlavy, A Parsson (sub: M Swedberg), I Johansson, H Johansson, P Sundhage, U Kalte (sub: E Utin), L Videkull.

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# President snubs English clubs

Barcelona (Reuter) — English teams have no place in any future European football league because of their antiquated stadiums, the AC Milan president, Silvio Berlusconi, said yesterday.

Berlusconi, speaking on the eve of his Italian club's European Cup final against Steaua Bucharest, of Romania, said he had not considered any English clubs for an ambitious and theoretical European "super league" he hopes to create in the future.

He said he had spoken to Bordeaux, of France, PSV Eindhoven, of The Netherlands, and Real Madrid and received positive responses to his plans.

Anderlecht, of Belgium, Bayern Munich, of West Germany, IFK Gothenburg, of Sweden, and Barcelona, together with his own club, were likely to be part of the planned league, he said.

Berlusconi stressed that English clubs could not be invited to join, however, because their stadiums were out of date and not up to the required standards

He said the English stadiums would have to be "greatly improved" to show a considerable reduction in violence before any English clubs could be considered.

Berlusconi, an Italian television executive, has been a strong advocate for the formation of a European super league for many years and has set up and run several international pre-season tournaments in recent years.

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## WBC defence

Paris (Reuter) — René Jacquot, of France, will defend his World Boxing Council super-welterweight title against John Mugabi, of Uganda, in Paris on July 8.


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# Sale of playing fields poses wider threat

By Louise Taylor

**A meeting of the Inner London Education Authority's main council yesterday decided to sell the 20-acre Raynes Park playing fields, worth an estimated £10 million, for property development.**

**John O'Malley, the chairman of the ILEA education committee, said last night: "We have decided to go ahead and sell Raynes Park for development unencumbered by any restrictions."**

**The decision, which could have far-reaching implications for the future of more than 200 acres of recreational land throughout the capital, will be opposed by the London Council for Sport and Recreation.**

**Although the fields are heavily used, ILEA has decided that the land is no longer required for educational purposes and Merton Council is not interested in buying it,**

**Peter Nathan, the chairman of the London Playing Fields Society, which has held a licence to administer the Raynes Park fields since October, fears its sale could prompt similar transactions with property developers in other areas of London.**

**The society would like to buy it at its recreational value, approximately £400,000, but would require a grant of considerable size from the Sports Council.**

# Green light for flying Scot

Brian Whittle, the Scottish-based European indoor 400 metres silver medal winner, has been cleared to run for Haringey in the remaining three British Athletics League matches so long as no other club protests. Yesterday the league announced that his 800 metres victory in the opening first division match at Birmingham 10 days ago would be allowed to stand.

The league indicated that so long as no other club objected he would be allowed to take part in this season's three remaining matches and help Haringey defend the GRE Men's Gold Cup.

Whittle found himself at the centre of an eligibility controversy after the AAA general committee ruled that a Scottish or Northern Ireland-based athlete could not compete in open competition for an AAA-affiliated club unless they had lived in England or Wales for three months immediately before each competition.

Seventy-two hours before the meeting at Birmingham, British League officers decided that Whittle could run, but not score, although on the day of the match on May 13 all eight first division team managers insisted that Whittle should be allowed to score as well as run.

There are believed to be as many as 18 Scottish-based members of the 30 AAA-affiliated British League clubs.

The decision effectively passes the buck back to the Amateur Athletic Association.

"The AAA is responsible for the execution of the rules. Unless objection is taken under AAA rules to anyone competing, then the results will stand," Mike Ison, the league secretary, said.

Tony Ward, a British athletics spokesman, said: "We accept the rule is unsatisfactory and hope these anomalies will be ironed out with the creation of a British Athletics Federation. It is a very difficult rule to impose without a nationwide registration scheme and we need to look at it. There could be dozens of athletes competing at lower levels in the sport who are breaking the rule."

# Astaphan longing for his former simple life

Toronto (AP) — Ben Johnson's doctor, who is to appear today before a Canadian commission investigating steroid use among athletes, longs for the simple, sunny life he left behind in his youth in the Caribbean.

Mario Astaphan is accused of overseeing the Canadian sprinter's regime of illegal steroids meant to increase strength. Johnson was stripped of a gold medal at the Seoul Olympics when his steroid use was detected.

Now Astaphan's licence and future are threatened. But in 1963, he was a 17-year-old working as a deckhand on his father's ferryboat, sailing the Caribbean between his birthplace of St Kitts and its sister island, Nevis.

One summer's day that year, his mother called ahead with the news that he had been accepted into the science programme at Montreal's Sir George Williams University.

"If my parents hadn't pushed — particularly my mother — I would be home running a charter boat," Astaphan said.

"I would have been a lot happier. Fish don't talk back to you. Fish don't tell lies," he added.

He is under investigation by the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons, but remains defiant and appears eager to answer allegations he prescribed and administered the drugs that sparked one of sport's biggest scandals.

Astaphan said he never intended to specialize in sports medicine, but was channeled into the field because of the first-hand expertise he gained as a university wrestler and association football player.

SPORT IN BRIEF

## Soviets withdraw

The Soviet Union yesterday withdrew from the Milk Race, five days before the start of the two-week British cycling classic.

After the BCF received a telex, a spokesman said: "It appears that they have had trouble raising a team. We find that difficult to believe but there is no one we can contact and we have to take them at face value. It seems *glasnost* has gone a bit sour."

## Title removed

Rome (Reuter) — Francesco Damiani, of Italy, has been stripped of his European heavyweight crown by the European Boxing Union (EBU) because he also holds a world title — that of the World Boxing Organization, which he won when beating Johnny du Plooy earlier this month.

Nunn: faces challenge

## Title defence

Nevada — Michael Nunn, the International Boxing Federation middleweight champion, will defend his title against Iran Barkley on August 14.

## Exclusive deal

Lausanne (AP) — The European Broadcasting Union has agreed a preliminary contract to pay $24 million for exclusive regional television rights and technical services at the 1994 Winter Olympic Games in Lillehammer, Norway.

## Christie back

Linford Christie, the Olympic champion, returns to competition in the Pearl Assurance international meet at Portsmouth on June 11.

## Higgins fined

Alex Higgins, who won his first important snooker title in six years in the Benson and Hedges Masters last month, has been fined £500 for his verbal abuse of the tournament director, Kevin Norton.

## Go-ahead

Paris (AP) — French rugby union players will be allowed to participate in the 100th anniversary of the South African Rugby Federation, Albert Ferrasse, the president of the French Federation of Rugby, announced yesterday.